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"I told Mr. Mahon what sum she had mentioned, and then added, 'I think I can get it for you.' Then I went back and told her that he (the prospective buyer) said he would give her \$21,000 if she would throw in those three calves.

"She ejaculated, 'He can't have the three calves; I won't.'

"The end was, well, we put her in a buggy and drove over to the bank, and gave her the twenty-one thousand dollars, and she seemed well pleased with it; it was a reasonable price."

Major Matthews: But he didn't get the three calves.

Mr. Calland: "No. I never heard what happened to the three calves."

Major Matthews: Did Mr. Mahon get the whole district lot?

Mr. Calland: "Yes."

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH JOHN MURRAY, SON OF JOHN MURRAY, ROYAL ENGINEER, PORT MOODY, WHO VERY KINDLY CALLED AT THE CITY ARCHIVES THIS MORNING, 29 JUNE 1940.

MAXIE'S. JACK FANNIN. HASTINGS, B.I. "ROMANCE OF VANCOUVER." FIRST ROLLER SKATING.

Mr. Murray said: "Maxie's hotel was, excepting the stable on the west bank of the creek, the furthest east building at Hastings; it was only a few yards from the stable; it had a tall flagpole beside it. It had a bar, bedrooms, and was one storey, not two storey, and it had a dance hall; the dance hall was used for roller skating. At the back was a bit of a garden; not much.

"Next, to the west, was another of Maxie's stables, but I think it was pulled down when they built that two-storey building to the west of Maxie's, about fifty feet west; but that was built in recent years, long after my time.

"Then next was Jack Fannin's: one-storey cottage where he made boots; it had a bit of verandah in front of it. And there was a fence to the west of his place, but you did not have to go through the fence to get into his cottage; his cottage was almost directly across from George Black's Brighton Hotel, but not quite directly; Jack Fannin was across the road, but a little farther east than George Black's hotel, just a few feet. Behind Jack Fannin's fence was field."

BEARS.

"I have been reading that 'Romance of Vancouver'" (serial) "in the *Sun*; lots of mistakes in it; that stuff about the bear is all wrong; I've told you about it."

Major Matthews: I don't think much of that "Romance of Vancouver"; nobody does.

Mr. Murray: "Some of it is correct. The rest, pooh."

Major Matthews: How are you feeling now.

Mr. Murray: "Not very good; legs done. No longer magistrate; was defeated, but I'm a policeman, and an honorary one at that."

A.R. HOWSE.

Mr. Murray: (looking at *Port Moody Gazette*, and advertisement of "A.R. Howse.") "There's a Royal Engineer. He had a son, Charlie Howse. He lived up at Dollarton for a while."

Note: this is the missing Howse, I suspect. The one John Scales says was living in John Morton's cabin when he and his father came to Burrard Inlet in a boat about 1869. J.S.M.