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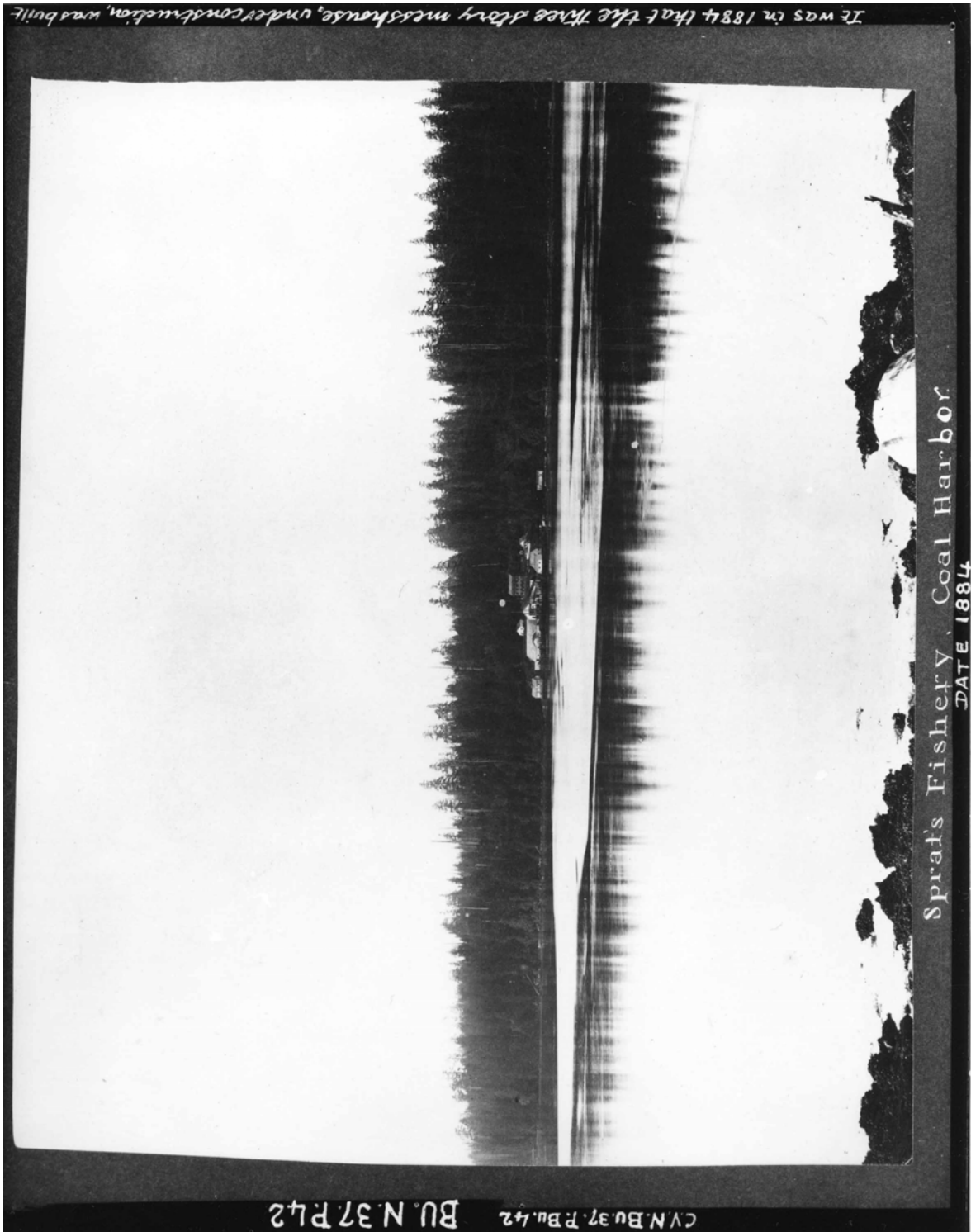
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[photo annotations:]

Spratt's Fishery, Coal Harbor.

Date 1884

It was in 1884 that the three story messhouse, under construction, was built.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH W.R. LORD, 21 AUGUST 1934.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY. FIRST BURIAL.

"Hirschberg committed suicide in the attic of the Leland Hotel; he was the first burial in Mountain View. His grave is on the top of the knoll, it is right close to the fence on what is now 34th Avenue, old Bodwell Road." (See F.W. Hart and H.E. Ridley.) Mrs. David Evans denies location of grave; Mr. Lord admits he never saw it.

COAL. TRAIL TO SPRATT'S OILERY.

"The old trail from Gastown to Spratt's Oilery ran along the edge of the top of the bluff overlooking the water, that would be a few yards north of the present Hastings Street West. The coal seams, or rather one of them, was west of the Saltery; just exactly where is hard to say but about the foot of Bute Street, down near the edge of the tide; the tide did not flow over it. I was never there; when I saw it, it was when I was passing in a row boat. I don't remember any coal prospect down near the Granville Hotel, Water Street." (See J.H. Scales, etc., also Admiralty Chart No. 1922.)

SQUATTERS.

"McGregor—I have told you about him previously—squatted on Lot 7, Block IV, Old Granville Townsite, and got it. I squatted on Lot 9, Block III, but they scared me out, and I did not get it. I helped McGregor cut a trail from about the corner of Abbott and Water Street" (see J.B. Henderson) "to his squatter's lot at about the corner of Cambie and Cordova; just a narrow trail you could squeeze through, straight from point to point—as straight as you could cut it."

TRAILS. GRANVILLE.

"There was the greatest lot of big trees down there along Water and Cordova Street you ever saw; great big spruce trees, seven or eight feet thick; I remember when the C.P.R. came through they cut some down ten or eleven feet through." (See Pat Myers, Jas. McWhinnie, George Cary.)

MRS. SULLIVAN. METHODIST CHURCH.

(See Rev. C.M. Tate, etc., and photo No. C.V., N. Port. 68.)

"Mrs. Sullivan was a grand old lady. She was not a negro, she was a mulatto; so was Mr. Sullivan."

PENDER STREET CAR LINE.

"Did it not ever strike you as peculiar that the first street car line west of Granville should run down Pender Street, along the edge of a district instead of down the middle. Well the reason that was done was because the old Post Office was erected on the" (southwest) "corner of Pender and Granville, and the car line led to the Post Office, and saved them walking."