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knife into a ball about the size of a tennis ball. He presented it to the City Archives some years ago. At the time he cut the rubber for the ball, the old tire was lying in the rubbish of a logging rollway about the foot of Trafalgar Street or Macdonald Street, English Bay.

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CITY ARCHIVIST.

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CONVERSATION WITH CALVERT SIMON, FORMERLY STOREKEEPER, HASTINGS SAWMILL, AT THE CITY ARCHIVES, CITY HALL, 11 AUGUST 1943.

ROBERT KNIGHT OF KNIGHT ROAD.

Mr. Simson said: "Robert Knight was well known to me; I was the executor of his estate after his death. He had mined in the Cariboo, did not make any money at gold mining, and decided to 'get out.' He and his partners struck out for the coast on foot, and each day they walked as far as they could in order to conserve what little money they had; the farther they walked, the cheaper the meals got. At one place, the meals would be \$2.00, at the next only \$1.50; the nearer they got to civilisation, the lesser the cost of the meals, so each day they walked as far as they possibly could to reduce their expenditures as they had so little money.

"How Robert Knight came to locate at Knight Road, named after him, I don't know. He cleared about five acres out there at Knight Road. He was single, and he left about twelve or fourteen thousand dollars to nieces and nephews at different places in the United States; Texas was one, I think. I wound up his estate. He died about, I should think, 1914, and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery in a plot owned by me. Mr. Knight was a great walker, and used to live in Mount Pleasant; he lived with my wife's family, the Blairs, on Ontario Street near 10th. The houses were built by Jimmy Kemp, who built the Badminton Hotel, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and he sold one to my wife's people. Kemp went down to Los Angeles, California, and made a fortune as a contractor."

JOSEPH HUNTLY—JAILER AND FIRST CITY CLERK. JONATHAN MILLER—CONSTABLE. GRANVILLE.

"Soon after I came here" (about 1884) "I remember seeing Joseph Huntly with a gang of prisoners on Water Street, or what is now Water Street, right out in front of Jonathan Miller's cottage" (corner, Water and Carrall Street.) "There were about six of them, and they were doing some cleaning up; Joseph or 'Joe' Huntly was Constable Miller's jailer, and was in charge of them; they were men from some sailing ship down at the Hastings Mill. Well, 'Joe' went and lay down; it was a hot day, and he fell asleep, and when he woke up his prisoners had gone.

"He married Constable Miller's eldest daughter; he was her second husband. Her first husband was the Captain" (Trimble, sic, his name) "of a sailing ship, and he was lost at sea, and then she married Joe Huntly. They had one daughter, and I hear she did well, but who she is now I don't know, but could easily find out; ask Mrs. Alex McKelvie; she'll tell you.

"What became of Joe Huntly I don't know, nor do I think anyone else does; he just disappeared and that is all I know about it, or him; we never heard where he went to."