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Mr. Leslie E. Dennison, now of Boston, wrote a series of articles on local newspapers and the printing business, which appeared in the News-Advertiser, commencing June 29, 1913. They are of historical value and well worth the time of reading.

Files of the Advertiser, the News and the News-Advertiser are now at the University of British Columbia library.

Thanking you for courtesies extended,

I remain, yours truly,

[signed] Geo. Bartley.

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. ALICE CRAKANTHROP, 1406 DAVIE STREET, WHO INVITED ME TO AFTERNOON TEA; MISS MURIEL, HER DAUGHTER, JOINED US; 22 AUGUST 1940. CAPT. MURRAY THAIN. MRS. MURRAY THAIN. REV. HARRY EDWARDES.

Mrs. Crakanthorp said: "This book, *Letters from Crete*, by Charles Edwardes" (Bentley, 1887) "was, as you see by the writing here on this front page, was given to Murray Thain by the Rev. Harry Edwardes of St. James' Church, in February 1888. Mrs. Thain taught me at school, Moodyville School, and privately also. She gave the book to me when I was Miss Alice Patterson; now I give it to you for your archives. Murray Thain came here in 1872."

LAKE BEAUTIFUL.

"I forget when it was, but it was long before 'The Fire'; Mrs. Thain organised a picnic; she was chaperone; we went up the inlet to the North Arm on a little paddle wheel steamer—it may have been the *Maud*—and we climbed up to Lake Beautiful. There was Mr. McPhadden, and Miss Kirkland, the school teacher, and Lida Bell" (Mrs. Austin) "and her sister, Nettie Bell" (Mrs. [blank] Connor, sic) "and Mr. Duncan Bell-Irving, C.D. Rand, W.R. Lord, Mr. Teschner, the second engineer at Moodyville, and Mrs. Thain's brother, Oliver Harbell, and two ship apprentices, and, of course, myself" (Miss Alice Patterson), "and we camped at Lake Beautiful for three days, and Mrs. Thain composed a poem about it; no, I have not got the poem; it was long before 'The Fire,' though."

Major Matthews: Mrs. Jonathan Rogers says a party of young ladies made the name "Beautiful" by taking an initial from each of their names, and that the lake received its name in that way.

(Note: Mrs. Jonathan Rogers was married in England, and came out to Vancouver in 1902 for the first time.)

Mrs. Crakanthorp: "Yes, I've heard that story, too, but we called it Lake Beautiful long years before Mrs. Rogers came; we never called it anything else. Mrs. Thain's brother cut a fungus from a tree, and wrote our names on it, and a bit about each of us, such as, 'Miss Patterson likes to dance,' and we kept it in the house for many years, but it's gone now."