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Mr. Jamieson: "That time I have just been speaking about, when the parents came with the guns; the parents were on both sides of the road, and had guns. And there was another time I recall, going out and seeing one man standing waiting with a gun. As I passed, I remarked, 'Why the gun.' He replied, 'Oh, bears.'"

MEMO OF CONVERSATION AT THE VANCOUVER PIONEERS ANNUAL BANQUET, 21 NOVEMBER 1941, HELD IN THE DEFUNCT GEORGIA RESTAURANT, HUDSON' BAY CO. STORE (OPENED FOR THE OCCASION) WITH FRANK HARRIS, FOR FIFTY-TWO YEARS RESIDENT IN THE WATER WORKS COTTAGE AT THE END OF THE PIPE LINE ROAD, FIRST NARROWS, STANLEY PARK.

OAK TREES.

Mr. Harris said: "If ever a lot of oak trees grow up in Stanley Park, I'll tell you how they came to be there. I met an old gentleman in Stanley Park the other day. He gave me his card with his name on it; I forget the initials, but the name was Chamberlain" (sic.) "He's a nice old gentleman, and I think he is on Old Age Pensions, or 'on relief'; something like that.

"He told me that each year for the last three years, he has planted ten pounds of acorns all about Stanley Park. A few which he must have planted earlier, he told me, are now about two feet high trees, oak trees. He has no permission; I don't think the park people know he is doing it, and he plants them anywhere and everywhere. He told me that, in three years, he has set out thirty pounds of acorns, ten pounds each year, in the earth; just pushed them in anywhere."



Leamond Hotel
 Van Horn Block, now (1925)
 Colonial Theatre
 Moodyville
 White Swan Hotel
 Hastings, Fenner, Dunsmuir
 site of Bank of Montreal
 C.P.R. wooden offices
 Windoer Hotel
 Seymour's Fenner
 To be occupied by
 Hudson's Bay Co.
 Seymour Fenner
 Seymour Fenner
 5 W. COR. HAST-RICH.
 Hastings Sawmill
 New York Bk. (C.P.R. offices)
 P.O. on Hastings
 Hastings Mill Store
 C.P.R. Telegraph with
 C.P.R. New York Bk.
 C.P.R. line on piers
 Old Hastings Road
 Alexander St.
 Sunny-side Hotel
 Effinger Rooms
 Fire Hall Tower
 City Hall
 Powell St.
 Forest on Campbell Av.
 Oppenheimer St.
 News Advertiser's gate.

Site of great Hudson Bay store
 Seymours
 Rich-Duns.

314 - Vancouver
 as seen from Hotel, Vancouver.

C.P.R. Pacific Emus, bend, stand in front Hotel Vancouver.
 1880 GENESIS of a metropolis. GREAT ACTIVITY building, Dale. A commanding central eminence, 300 yards from the water, determined the site of the Hotel Vancouver; -- out in the 'diamond' -- call it so -- followed.
 Blocks of Granville & Georgia. Eastern building on Pacific. The centre of the block.
 Fract. building, 18th wood, 14th west. Electrical pole. No street car tracks yet. No hydrants visible.
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