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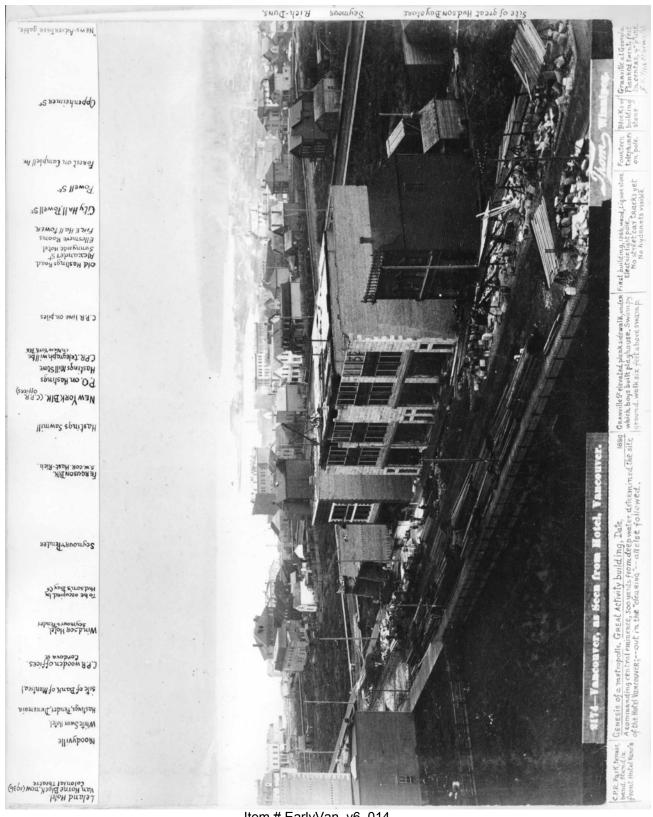
Mr. Jamieson: "That time I have just been speaking about, when the parents came with the guns; the parents were on both sides of the road, and had guns. And there was another time I recall, going out and seeing one man standing waiting with a gun. As I passed, I remarked, 'Why the gun.' He replied, 'Oh,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



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