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The Freedom of Vancouver was conferred, by resolution of The Mayor and Aldermen, upon Major James Skitt Matthews, V.D., City Archivist, on November seventeenth, 1953, but the presentation of the illuminated Scroll was deferred until the annual complimentary banquet, given by the Park Commissioners to the Pioneers of Vancouver, “here before the train,” at the Pavilion, Stanley Park, Monday, April 5, 1954. In the presence of eighty pioneers, and one hundred citizens, His Worship Frederick J. Hume, Mayor, presented the Scroll, and offered congratulations.

### **1 DECEMBER 1954 – THE CITY WITCH.**

Major Matthews at telephone: “May I speak to Mr. Galloway, please?”

Sweet Voice: (pause) “He’s not in his office. Who shall I say called?”

Major Matthews: “The City Archivist.”

Sweet Voice: “The City which?”

Major Matthews: “I’m not the City Witch—I’m the City Archivist.”

Sweet Voice: “What’s that?”

Major Matthews: “Some fellow on the ninth floor.”