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**CONVERSATION, OVER THE PHONE, WITH FRED T. SALSBUURY, SON OF A.E. SALSBUURY, FIRST C.P.R. TREASURER IN VANCOUVER, 2993 WEST 33<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, 22 MARCH 1950.**

**WIGWAM INN. INDIAN RIVER. CHARLES WOODWARD. SMITH AND DOCTOR. SHOLTO SMITH. FRED T. SALSBUURY.**

"I have just been looking over some old papers. Smith and Doctor were the architects of Wigwam Inn, Indian River. I don't know what became of Doctor, but Smith—Sholto Smith—was the son-in-law of Charles Woodward of the Department Store. Smith died in Australia. Mrs. Sholto Smith deserted him in Calgary, and he divorced her for desertion. No adultery, or anything of that sort; she just picked up and left him; he divorced her for desertion. How that was done I don't know, but it was for desertion, not adultery. He married again, and died in Australia."

**"HASTINGS LITERARY INSTITUTE."**

Genesis of "Vancouver Reading Room" and "Vancouver Public Library."

Copy of letter from Calvert Simson, Esq., third storekeeper of the Hastings Sawmill. Memory tells me he came to the mill in 1884. J.S.M.

1890 Barclay St.  
April 23/45

Major Matthews  
Dr Sir/

I got after Mrs McKelvie to have the Hastings Institute book I gave her & which she loaned to the Native Daughters, given to you for safe keeping, I understand you are to have same.

Have been trying to get a few particulars of this first library. In Howay's "Early Shipping on Burrard Inlet" he says the B.C. & V.I. Mill (Stamp's) was sold by auction, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1870 to the Heatley interests, and on Aug. 1870 the name was change to Hastings Saw Mill Co.

The first trace I have of Institute is an item charged by the H.S.M. Co. in the account of Jeremiah (Jerry) Rogers, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1871, of 4 months sub to Institute \$2.00, dues 50c a month, this would pay for Sept. Oct. Nov. and Dec. 1870. There is also on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1870 sub 50c and so on each month till Oct 1872. From this is would be safe to say that the Institute was started Sept 1870, or a month after August when the name of the mill was changed. I also have a trace of a C.B. Sweney, who I think was the mill foreman, paying dues of 50c a month part in 1871, and up to Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1872.

G. Pattison, shingle maker, who made hand made shingles for \$2.75 per M paid subs Jan to May 1874 of 1 dollar a month so evidently the fees were raised from the original 50c.

I cannot say how long this institute was operated. I do not think it was running when I started with the mill Co. in 1884. I am still waiting for a copy of your last photo of the old building showing this institute say one about 8 x 10 dark finish.

Hope this information may be of use to get you busy & find out when it closed.

C Simson