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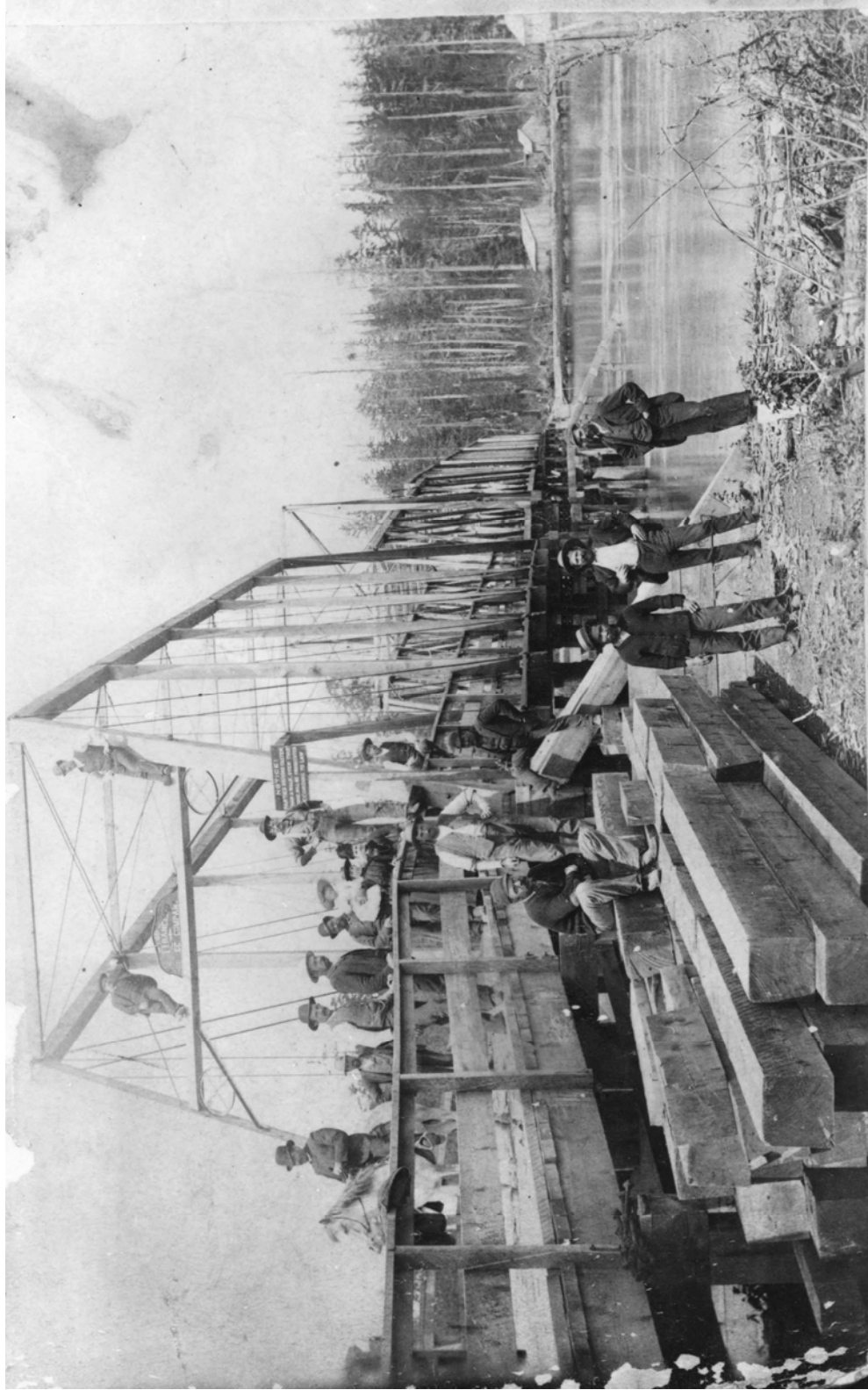
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North Arm Bridge, autumn of 1889. Looking north from Sea Island. Erected by San Francisco Bridge Co. Forest on north bank, North Arm, Croset River. Part only of showing on extreme right. Stood on river bank, now Inaypole. Eburne's warehouse (kerosene & fodder) in centre. Bridge Co's lean-to roof tool shed on left. Signs: "SAN FRANCISCO BRIDGE COMPANY", and "Perlies driving faster than a walk over this bridge will be prosecuted according to law". Think photo taken by A. In-ur-hie, before or while bridge being painted. Man on horseback may be minister. Man in shirt sleeves Ed. in Dade, bridge employee. Neff man, dark coat, somewhat Duncan Smith, who lived on Sea Island, at south end of bridge. Little girl, Miss Hazel Smith is in arms of Mr. Urquhart, bridge foreman, in 1943, school teacher, living with her mother Mr. Duncan Smith, 34-63-40<sup>th</sup>, who is beside Hazel. A Mr. Brown is standing on rail. Last is Capt Stewart, who married Samuel McCleary's widow, & of Stewart Island. Below: - man in shirt sleeves on Timbers, Mr. Sinclair, working for Mr. Smith. Billy Williams, bowler hat bridge superintendent for S. F. B. Co is the last. On mud bank: - Chinese cook, Ed. Smith (no relation) with white shirt. - lastly, the bridge painter. High up on bridge, on left is Mr. Bairn, carpenter. Photo preserved for 54 years, (who, with his team of horses on bridge, is hidden by crowd on bridge) by John Bell, pioneer, Sixth & Richmond St. Stevenson & by firm presented to City Archives, Vancouver.

The building on extreme right, part only, is the original Methodist Church, afterwards used as dwelling by Wm Oliver, owned by R. E. Clugston.

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*[photo annotation:]*

North Arm Bridge, autumn of 1889. Looking north from Sea Island. Erected by San Francisco Bridge Co. Forest on north bank, North Arm, Fraser River. Part only of *[blank]* showing on extreme right. Stood on river bank, now Marpole. Eburne's warehouse (kerosene & fodder) in centre; Bridge Co's lean-to roof shed on left. Signs: - "SAN FRANCISCO BRIDGE COMPANY," and "Parties driving faster than a walk over this bridge will be prosecuted according to law." Think photo taken by A. Murchie, before or while bridge being painted. Man on horseback may be minister. Man in shirt sleeves, Ed. McDade, bridge employee. Next man, dark coat, straw hat, Duncan Smith, who lived on Sea Island, at south end of bridge. Little girl, Miss Hazel Smith is in arms of Mr. Urquhart, bridge foreman, in 1943, school teacher, living with her mother, Mrs. Duncan Smith, 3463 W. 40<sup>th</sup>, who is beside Hazel. A Mr. Brown is standing on rail. Last is Capt. Stewart, who married Samuel McCleery's widow, & of Stewart Island. Below: - man in shirt sleeves on timbers, Mr. Sinclair, working for Mr. Smith. "Billy" Williams, bowler hat, bridge superintendent for S.F.B. Co. is the last. On mud bank: - Chinese cook; Ed. Smith (no relation), with white shirt; & lastly, the bridge painter. High up on bridge, on left, is McBain, carpenter. Photo preserved for 54 years, (who, with his team of horses on bridge, is hidden by crowd on bridge) by John Bell, pioneer, Sixth & Richmond St. Steveston, & by him presented to City Archives, Vancouver.

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C.V. P. Out. 366. N. Out. 115 Eburne's store & P.O. was 100 yard up-river from church.

**CONVERSATION WITH MR. R.E. CLUGSTON, OF 7687 WEST BOULEVARD, AND OF CLUGSTON HARDWARE LIMITED, MARPOLE, 2 DECEMBER 1950.**

The conversation took place over the phone and resulted from an advertisement published in all Vancouver newspapers as part of the election campaign of Mr. Hume, for mayor, on or about 30 November. It was one of our photos showing the first bridge across the North Arm from the north bank to the south bank.

Photo No. C.V. OUT. N. 115, P. 366, North Arm Bridge.

**METHODIST CHURCH, NORTH ARM, AT EBURNE.**

Mr. Clugston: "There is a mistake in the story which goes under the illustration in the newspaper. It says that the building on the right, cut in half by the edge of the photo, is part of Henry Eburne's store. *That is not right.*"

**EBURNE, B.C., 1889. MARPOLE, B.C., 1889.**

"Henry Eburne's store was about 100 yards upstream, same side, from that building. I know—I lived in that building. It has, originally, been the first church there.

"I had a blacksmith's shop at Eburne from 1898 to 1912, and I had the Clugston Hardware."

**WILLIAM OLIVER.**

"I bought the old building from William Oliver, ward foreman, in 1902. Then I rented it to him until 1907. In 1907 I got married and I went to live in it. In 1910 I formed a partnership with H.B. Barton, who married into the McCleery family.

"The half-building on the right edge of the photo is the old church—Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of England. Everyone used it for a church. The sheds between it and the bridge, on the far bank, are the sheds Henry Mole and Mr. McCleery used to put their horses in."

J.S. Matthews.