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9-That which came down to Kitsilano Beach, crossing Third Avenue West about Maple Street.

10-That which ran from the foot of Yew Street, Kitsilano Beach, to the corner of Second Avenue and Larch Street (remains still there in 1909 near St. Mark's).

11-That which ran in the general direction of Seventh Avenue from Granville (or Centre) Street westerly, probably joined No. 9. Ended west, foot of Vine Street.

12-That which came down Macdonald Street to English Bay.

13-That which came down Balaclava Street to English Bay.

14-Several ending at Fraser's camp, Jericho. (See old Admiralty charts.)

Others there undoubtedly were, but of the above, many of the remains could be seen thirty years ago. They were all, or nearly all, near water—springs or creeks—a necessity for oxen or horses, as well as the needs of men.

30 DECEMBER 1931 - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH (ANGLICAN), NOW ORANGE HALL.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hunt, now of 2158 West Seventh Avenue, were the first couple married in this church, 3 June 1901.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH (ANGLICAN), SECOND AVENUE WEST.

Miss Wenmoth was the first baby christened.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (PRESBYTERIAN), RICHARDS AND GEORGIA.

Mr. W.H. Evans, engineer on the first train into Port Moody, and who occupied the first house built (by C.P.R.) in new section behind Kitsilano Beach, now 2030 Whyte Avenue, and Miss Gordon were the first couple married in St. Andrew's Church, 18 June 1890. The first concert there was 29 May 1890.

On Christmas Day, 1888, Miss Gordon and Mr. W.H. Evans walked together across the new Granville Street Bridge, which then terminated on Third Avenue. (Mrs. W.H. Evans, née Miss Gordon.)

NOTE ADDED LATER:

The earliest marriage solemnised in the little temporary church beside St. Andrew's—it faced Georgia Street—was on 9 April 1889, or as they put it, "47 years ago" (from 1936) of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blair. Reverend E.D. McLaren was minister.

IMPERIAL OPERA HOUSE, THE OLD DRILL SHED.

The first concert (according to Mrs. Evans who had an invitation card with the date) in the old Imperial Opera House was that of the Vancouver Philharmonic Society, F.W. Dyke, Secretary, 15 May 1890.