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### **GEO. R. GORDON. CHINAMEN. ABBOTT STREET. PIGS.**

Geo. R. Gordon, 30 April 1932. "After the fire, June 1886, Chinamen kept pigs in a sty at the northwest corner of Abbott Street. They got so big that they had to be killed before they could be got out of the doorway of the sty."

"Vancouver in ruins after fire," photograph. "The white tent in the photograph of Vancouver the day after the fire belonged to me. It stood on the street on the southeast corner of Carrall and Cordova streets. Seventeen men slept in it the night of the 14/15<sup>th</sup> June, and the night after, still more, because it rained. The stump in the foreground is on the C.P.R. right of way between Carrall and Cordova Street East, on the east of the track; it is still there." (1933.)

Query: What rebuilt Vancouver, Mr. Gordon?

Mr. Gordon: "What rebuilt it? Why, faith; it was all we had left; Vancouver had vanished; faith and the character of its people. Throughout all that trying time I saw no tear or whimpering; just 'better luck next time.'"

### **1 NOVEMBER 1932 - GEORGE TURNER, CORPORAL, ROYAL ENGINEERS. FALSE CREEK BRIDGE. NORTH ARM ROAD. CAPT. E.S. SCOLLAR.**

Capt. E.S. Scoullar, Westminster Rifles. "Corporal Turner married the widow of Sergeant McColl, whose name appears on Col. Moody's letter of instructions of 26 January 1863 ordering a survey of Burrard Inlet. One of Sergeant McColl's children was Helen McColl, whom I married in 1883. His eldest son was William, now dead, but there were descendants. Corporal Turner surveyed all the land around Vancouver in almost every direction."

(Corp. Turner, R.E. was directed by Capt. Parsons, R.E. on instructions from Col. Moody, to survey Burrard Inlet, and did so in February and March 1863. His original field notes, drawing in his own handwriting, are in the Court House, Vancouver, and duplicates in the Provincial Library and Vancouver Public Library.)

"The False Creek Bridge at Main Street, or Westminster Avenue, was cut long before the 'New Road' (Kingsway). The property around Mount Pleasant, to an extent of about six hundred acres, was owned by Mr. Edmonds, who was a power in political circles, and that may have had something to do with the building of the bridge. It led to the River Road (now Marine Drive) by the North Arm Road (now Fraser Avenue). Afterwards a short cut was wanted from Granville to New Westminster, and the 'New Road,' now Kingsway, was cut by John McDougall."

Note: a survey of the Indian Reserves on Burrard Inlet was made by "W.S. Jemmett, 1880," and shows the False Creek Bridge and the road leading from Granville to it, and from it up Mt. Pleasant. This linen map is in the possession of Andrew Paull, Secretary, Squamish Indian Council.