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INDIAN DANCERS.

"Not all Indians can dance Indian dance. All Indians can dance whiteman's dance, but not all Indians can dance Indian dance."

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH AUGUST JACK KHAHTSAHLANO, WHO CALLED AT THE CITY ARCHIVES THIS AFTERNOON, 20 APRIL 1939.

STANLEY PARK. WHOI-WHOI. "SUPPLEJACK." CAPT. STAMP.

Copies of the following letters, written in 1865, had been forwarded to August Jack for perusal, and he brought them with him.

New Westminster. June 3rd, 1865.

Sir: In accordance with your orders of the 31st of May, I proceeded to Burrard Inlet arriving there at 3 p.m. and marking out Captain Stamp's Mill the same evening (June 1st). On referring to the sketch appended, it will be seen that the N.W. corner occurs in the centre of an Indian village to clear which would only give the sawmill about 90 acres. By the appearance of the old soil and debris, this camping ground is one of the oldest in the inlet. The resident Indians seemed very distrustful of my purpose, and suspicious of encroachment on their premises.

The sawmill claim does not in any way interfere with the proposed site of the fort.

The Honourable (sig ned)

The Colonial Secretary J.B. Launders.

I have the honour to state that a Squamish Indian called Supple Jack, has squatted for the last three years on the land in question. There are two male relatives now living near him. Capt. Stamp has no objection to their remaining where they are. They can at any time be removed, the ground does not belong to their tribe.

The Honourable (sig ned) C. Brew, J.P.
The Colonial Secretary Jun e 7th 1865.

Major Matthews: What do you make of them?

August Jack: (who is son of Khay-tulk, or "Supplejack") "That's kind of crooked work. Maybe they

don't want to pay for the land. They forget that Supplejack's son, that's me, is there. They pay old 'Aunt Sally' for land at Lumberman's Arch, but they do not pay me. Supplejack was living at Chaythoos long before the Hastings Sawmill come, and Chief Khahtsahlanogh lived there long before him" (Supplejack.) "Chief Khatsahlano at Chaythoos first; he come there because there's lots cedar there, and he makes

canoe."

Major Matthews: What does this letter here, June 7th 1865, from C. Brew, J.P. to Colonel Secretary,

about Suppleiack, mean?

August Jack: "I don't know. Got himself mixed. Supplejack was at Chaythoos, not Whoi-Whoi."

Major Matthews: Well, what about the two relatives he mentions?

KHAY-TULK. KE-OLTS. KHARL-UK.

August Jack: "The two 'male relatives' were probably Khay-tulk's two brothers, Ke-olts and Kharl-

uk. All their children are dead now, except Ke-olts' son Alex Peter, and his daughter Lucy Miranda. Kharluk's children died, but his two grandchildren are living, Margerite

Baker and Michael Billy."

STANLEY PARK, PROPOSED FORT, HOMULCHESON.

Major Matthews: What about this proposed fort in Stanley Park; it looks as though they proposed to

build a fort on the First Narrows, like the old Bastion in Nanaimo.

August Jack: "Well, it was never built; the only fort on the Narrows was the Indian fort at

Homulcheson" (Capilano River.)

CAPT. VANCOUVER. SPANISH EXPLORERS. INDIAN IMPLEMENTS.

Major Matthews: Wait. I want to read to you from Tom MacInnes' radio address No. 21. He guotes from

Chapter 7, Spanish "Sut-il-Mexicana" record what the Spaniards say about the Indians at Musqueam and Jericho. "From the southwest side of Point Langara, seven canoes came out and made their way toward the schooners ... They were clearly provided with many excellent weapons, such as spears with iron points half a yard long; sheafs

of arrows with points of the same metal."

August Jack: "Well, there must have been other schooners in before that. Where did they get those

iron spears?"

CHINALSET. "JERICHO CHARLIE."

"I remember my stepfather Chinalset" ("Jericho Charlie") "say that when the whiteman came to Whalwahlayten, that's Watt's Point, Howe Sound, that the whitemen gave them some barrel hoops, and that's how, I think, they make spears out of iron."

STANLEY PARK. CHAYTHOOS. CATTLE. HORSES. PIGS.

Major Matthews: What about your home at Chaythoos and cows?

August Jack: "My father, Supplejack, bought a cow and a horse in New Westminster, then a calf came, and we had a bull, and after that we had twelve cows, a bull, twelve pigs, and two horses, and one was a race horse; Supplejack and George Black used to race their horses. The horses always used to have a big time on Queen's Day; race in Victoria, Westminster; Supplejack, my father, make lots of money winning race.

"When we live at Chaythoos" (end of Pipe Line Road on First Narrows) "before the road around the park came and cut the corner off our house, we kept the horses and the cows in the stable at Chaythoos, and when we wanted to ride to town there was a trail, and we had to ride right around the head of what is now Lost Lagoon, around by Second Beach; there was no bridge; there was a trail through the forest from Chaythoos to Gastown."

MILK.

"The cows, at night, were put in the stable; in the day they ran loose in the park, or along the beach; they got wild grass mostly—along the beach—but there was some English grass, not much, some, enough to carry us over the winter, and if there was not enough, Father bought hay from Black's and Maxie's. Mother" (Qhwy-wat) "milked the six cows in the morning—the other six were dry—and put the milk in big high milk cans—about five gallons—and took it to Hastings Mill in the canoe. Agnes milked the cows in the evening when Mother was away, and next day it went with the morning's milk to Hastings Mill. Mother took the milk every morning, but I don't know how much she got for it. Louisa, my sister, made the butter."

Major Matthews: Did you sell any cattle to the butcher?

August Jack: "Yes, to the logging camp; dead, not alive. Father used to shoot the steers, then

butcher them, and send them to the logging camps."

Major Matthews: What about pigs?

August Jack: "The same; kill them and sell the meat, or salt them down and make corned pork."

Major Matthews: Any sheep or hens?

August Jack: "No sheep; had enough trouble with cows and horses, and we did not have chickens

until we moved to Jericho, and then we had lots. But none at Chaythoos."