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CONVERSATION WITH HUGH E. CAMPBELL, 2848 BIRCH STREET, WHO KINDLY CALLED AT THE CITY ARCHIVES THIS MORNING, 19 AUGUST 1943.

HUGH E. CAMPBELL. VANCOUVER FIRE BRIGADE. GUARD OF HONOUR. STANLEY PARK, DEDICATION. LORD STANLEY.

Mr. Campbell: "My recollection is that Lord Stanley did not go out to Stanley Park in a two-horse hack as Plante" (Frank) "says. He went out there in a carriage drawn by four white horses; there were four white horses in town; two were heavy, and two were light, and they had the light ones as leaders.

"Then, when Lord Stanley came back the Fire Brigade acted as a guard of honour; that was the 29th October dedication.

"There was about twenty of us. We were wearing a blue uniform; it was then the paid fire department, not the volunteer fire department. We all stood, about twenty of us, in two rows, and Lord Stanley drove in between the two ranks. We were under Carlisle; no fire engine; the fire engines had been left behind in the Fire Halls in case of fire.

"We were *not* in our red shirts because in the paid fire department we never had red shirts. That was in the hook and ladder company, which were volunteers before the department was formed. The 'hose' men had blue shirts and the 'ladder' men had red shirts.

"Lord Stanley's carriage drove between us, and then they got out and went into the Hotel Vancouver; he did not inspect us."

THE FORMAL ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

"I don't know who wrote or composed the formal address of welcome to Lord Stanley. It must have been Tom McGuigan, or the Mayor, or somebody."

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH CALVERT SIMSON, FORMER STOREKEEPER, HASTINGS SAWMILL, WHO KINDLY CALLED AT THE CITY ARCHIVES, THIS MORNING, 26 AUGUST 1943.

LEWIS COLBY, 1884. MOODYVILLE FERRY. MOODYVILLE MAIL BOAT. POST OFFICE, 1884.

Mr. Simson: "When I came here in 1884, Lewis Colby was the ferryman taking the mail by rowboat from Granville, Hastings Sawmill, Moodyville, to George Black's at Hastings."

D.L. 196. HASTINGS SAWMILL CO. LTD.

"Some time ago I was looking at some old documents in the office of Macaulay, Nicolls, Maitland Co., real estate, and took this note off them."

D.L. 196. 234.92 acres. Purchase price 4/2, or \$1.00 per acre, Nov. 30th 1865. B.C. & V.I. Spar, Lumber & Sawmill Co. [*first known as "Stamp's Mill"*] bought by Heatley & Co. of London, and name changed to Hastings Sawmill Co. Ltd.

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. HANNAH ELIZABETH GREATREX, WIDOW OF JAMES HENRY GREATREX, PIONEER, VANCOUVER, 1888, 30 AUGUST 1943.

Mrs. Greatrex is now resident with her daughter, Mrs. C.F. Williams, 3615 Irving Street, Burnaby. She very kindly called at the City Archives this afternoon. I had first met her at the rededication of Stanley Park ceremonies, Lumberman's Arch, 25 August 1943, where she spoke to the great assemblage of citizens, using the loudspeaker, and narrating to them her experiences when she attended the dedication of Stanley Park by Lord Stanley in October 1889, fifty-four years previously.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SALVATION ARMY, 1887.

Mrs. Greatrex said: "I have put down a few notes about the Salvation Army for you, as you asked. Well, we came here to open up; that is, the three officers of the Salvation Army; one officer came from Victoria; that made four. Capt. Mary Hackett, the officer from Victoria, she was the organiser; she had been sent