

Mrs. Alex TaitInterviewed April 20, 1972,

Born 1903, moved from Westham Is. to Lulu Is. at age 3 - first to Blundell halfway between No. 1 Road and dyke - later to corner of No. 1 Rd. and Blundell - outhouses in those days because there was no running water for indoor plumbing - no electricity then, used coal oil lamps - later on when she moved to Terra Nova - electricity brought in by a group of farmers paying about \$300.00 each - married Tait in 1924 and got electricity later - Terra Nova Cannery hooked on to the farmer's electric line later - talks about Aladin lamps - went to Lulu School located on No. 2 Road between Westminster Highway and River Road - one room school house then - (story about teacher, Mr. Bailey) - later went to Bridgeport School - talks about transportation to school, walking, horse and buggy and tram - Interurban Tram and school tickets - went swimming with girl friend - (story about Tait peeking over the dyke) - talks about fishing boats in Middle Arm - discusses lanterns at night on a float at end of nets - 6 P.M. Gun on Sunday - talks about Terra Nova Cannery being lit up at night - talks about darkness at night - discusses early fogs - discusses dolls - has special doll in glass cabinet bought at Eatons by father - Eatons then known as Spencers - talks about bees and relates anecdote about them - had cows and horses and made butter - discusses making butter - girls learned many things from Mother - had chores to do after school - (extended pony story when barn burned down) - talks about drinking water being collected in roof-top tank from rain - many went to Marpole to get water from wells there - talks about feeding thresher crews - not involved in church socials - driving at night with horse and buggy, horse found his own way home - large Chinese bunkhouse at Terra Nova Cannery - saw occasional Chinese walking along dyke - saw many Indians living in row of shacks on Terra Nova - some stayed all year while others only there during fishing season

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talks about children collecting oolichans off Terra Nova flats - Mr. Tait about seeing geese and ducks then - professional hunters sold ducks in town - talks about the work women did in the house - had occasional Chinese in to do heavy housework - saw movies in Vancouver - (story about seeing movie in Steveston) - not much visiting between families - (story about Mother visiting a Mrs. Gordon) - many mosquitoes and flies then - homes did have screendoors then - rarely used candles but relied on coal-oil lamps - Santa Claus only at the Christmas party - not everyone went in for Birthday parties - big gift giving was on Christmas - talks about May pole dances at Brighthouse - evening of May 24, adults held big dance - strawberry festivals held then - (extended story about Sulfur and molasses story about birds and the drying sheets.

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