

R. R. Doherty

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Doherty and Bill Oldfield rented Thomas Kidd farm in 1912 - broke up 10 acres with 24" disc plow given to him by Kidd - Had Dinsmore Is. and Pheasant Is. on which he planted crows - bought 25 acres on Sea Is. from Jim Cooney - next to Doherty Road which was named after him (story about hunting accident 1906 in which he lost sight of one eye) small bridge connected Pheasant Island to Sea Island - Dinsmore cannery at South end of Island - farmed the Island - (sugar beets story - W.W.I beet-seed for England) - bean picking story - leased 80 acres on No. 5 and Steveston - grew mangels on Dinsmore Is. (policeman story about mangels 3 weighing 102 lbs.) - fertile soil due to silt - discusses daffodil growing - knew Mah Bin g - worked for S.D. Muir - worked for B.C. Electric trimming arc lamps - worked as a teamster with Bill Oldfield in Vancouver - discusses Sunday evening 6:00 fishing fleet leave Steveston - on Sea Island 13 years - Japanese lived near Vancouver Cannery on Sea Island - excellent workers picked potatoes 15¢ per sack - workers would sing while working - (comment about Japanese renting land) - born in 1887 - Andy Waddell was Chief of Police - married in 1915 - wife worked in Vancouver Courthouse - story about feeding threshing crew - (story about 2 a.m. phone call from Waddell and Illegal still) - farmers made loganberry wine - McKinney got farmers to plant loganberries for the winery - trucks would unload at end of No. 3 Road on to boats liquor bound for the U.S. during Prohibition - (story about buying Can. whiskey from liquor store that gave you chit to claim whiskey from C.P.R. terminal) - discusses teaming practices - talks about Ever-sharp shoes - cock shoes - for ice and snow - hauled all the steel for construction of Dominion Trust, Birks, and Vancouver Block -

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3 horse furniture van - discusses this - talks about Vancouver Fire Department - Steveston had bucket brigade - had telephone and electricity - Oldfield at end of No. 3 Road - story about \$160. per pole to get electricity down to Oldfields and McCallisters and Blairs - party line had about 10 people on it - (telephone and lighting and mirror story) - Barn fires - hauled wooden water mains on Lulu Is. was a producer underselling preferred raw milk-bottled his milk - discusses delivery.

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