

Mr. Doug Forbes

Interviewed April 9, 1972.

Born 1914 in Vancouver - grandfather had old Cairns place - No. 2 Road and Railway Ave. - father got place in 1917 - Forbes came to Richmond in 1917, age 3, went to Bridgeport school by Interurban Train with tickets given by school - names a number of Bridgeport teachers - school children took bag lunch - football played by children - argues that round ball was used then - talks also about lacrosse games - talk about yearly trips to Grouse Mountain - trip to Steveston Movie house discusses May 24th Maypole dance in some detail - flag decorated truck took children up to Brighthouse grandstand - talks about early hunting both inland and on Terra Nova flats - talks about boys learning how to handle rifles - although hunting was licensed farmers could hunt on own property for birds destroying crops - few wild rabbits then - describes layout of barns at Brighthouse Grandstand - talks about his 20 mile newspaper route describing streets etc. - (story about nearly losing horse in bog on Granville Ave. - discusses farm life - chicken turkeys, cows, rabbits - had 7 1/3 acres which he describes - old farm named - had 35 fruit trees - cows milked by hand - (story about horse kicking his father and Udy saving him) - talks about Dr. McKeche ? who was school doctor - talks again about football, Canadian Rugby and English Rugby - (story about trading roses for brick of ice-cream) had loganberries which apparently cured goiter - at least the story he associates a folk medicine with a cure for goitre - describes No. 3 Road with all the stores on it - from Granville North to Cook Rd. - about 7 stores - (story about being fined for crossing swing bridge around W.W.II)-talks about 1924 airplane landing - woman pilot- talks about early polo games on infield of Brighthouse grandstand - Uncle had Mellis Stage out to Terra Nova Cannery - father was foreman on C.N.

construction from Queensboro to Steveston - story about train crew in
1919 - 1920 stopping at the Forbes place to get strawberry shortcake
and ice cream - Mellis Stage was horse-drawn - talks about old license
plates - granite license plates and leather plates - had a 1926 pack
Aunt had 1912 cadillac - (story about this) -Violet-Ray-Richfield Ho
early gas stations described - brother had gas station in 1920 (exte
human story about Waddell allowing underage kids drive around Lulu I
grew strawberries on property due to sand in the soil - talks about
school districts - talks about some more old farms - left Richmond
1932 - rented place - use to ride home from school with Mah Bing -
Canadian Prohibition due to influence of Churches - discusses Depres
-(extended story about fishboat going up North Arm to get scow and
drinking rum toddies during foggy return trip)-discusses weather then
and now - fog very heavy then but not now - (anecdotes about fogs) -
mosquitoes and ants not as bad then as now - argues that lack of lim
put out on ground does not control bugs - always had small birds as
robins which picked at strawberries and cherries - talks about spide
in raspberries.

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