

Mr. Chas. Gillespie

Interviewed May 4, 1972.

Born 1915 in North Vancouver - talks about fishing in Fraser in 1906 - 1907 in sailboat - later father worked at Vancouver Cannery as a netman worked his way up to be Manager - with company for 48 years - talks about sail-boats being towed out - Charles was father's given name - Uncle was James Gillespie who was a fish packer - Manager of Burrard Cannery for several years before going to West Coast - subsequently returned to Vancouver Cannery - at San Mateo on West Coast, was Manager of Cannery, then in construction - (scow house story) - father built house in Steveston and he went to Lord Byng School - went to Bridgeport School later because father went to Vancouver Cannery - on Sea Is. - went to Bridgeport School by school bus driven by Mr. Garrett - went later to Cambie High School - to go into Vancouver from West end of Sea Island had to hitch a ride to Marpole to catch tram - talks about tram-drivers stopping en route to either place or pick up a "stick of wood" along side the track right-of-way(?) - discusses trips into town - father had a chevy touring car with side-curtains (23-'24) - worked as a boy in the net-loft at cannery - describes this in 1929 worked summers @ \$50.00 per month, \$30.00 board taken out of this - worked at Great Northern Cannery in West Vancouver - next year at Oceania Cannery on Smith Is. on the Skeena - there 3 years - retort man and gas man - returned to Imperial Cannery and worked year round in boiler house - later worked in Imperial Cannery grocery store as butcher for 15 years - travelled to different canneries as a butcher, but returned to Imperial - talks about recent developments at Imperial Cannery as clam digger and fish pump - first of its kind - B.C. Packers amalgamated in 1928 from 3 smaller companies: B.C. Packing and Fishing, Gus Mallerd, and Wallace Fisheries - father was District Manager for Fraser River for this new

Company - bought 28' boat and net and went fishing with father - (net into propellor story) - fished in Middle Arm - as a boy collected logs from Middle Arm by boat and dragged them up on beach to saw for firewood - names his 4 sisters - went swimming in Middle Arm (Mother watching to holler story) - discusses how mother came out from Scotland to work at Cannery via an advertisement - salmon was 5¢ and 10¢ each - one year salmon giving away free - talks about various fish runs.

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