

Mr. Roy York and Mrs. Jessie York (Ketcheson) Interviewed April 21, 1972.

Born 1894 in Vancouver and came to Steveston in 1900 and lived on 2nd Ave -discusses mowing streets on July 1st - streets in Steveston were mostly grass - everyone had a few cows - talks about canneries - worked for George Hudson delivering groceries in 1912 - went to Steveston School which was a one-room school - Miss Black first teacher - Chinese and Japanese children also went to school there - (arbor day Oak tree story) talks with Norman Marshall about mutual friends in early days - talks about high school in Ladner - being only school available then for local children who wished to get high school education Japanese School built later - went swimming in slough where Scotch Canadian Cannery was - talks about early swimming experiences - 1904 Exposition in New Westminster - went with father - discusses several of the old ferries (sternwheelers) - talk about Boxing Arena in Steveston - father farmed 20 acres on Cook Road in early 1900's - first airplanes flew in this area - talks about Norman Marshall running against the airplanes - talks with N. Marshall about old friends and relatives between Norman Marshall and Mrs. Jessie York - Jessie Ketcheson York born 1898 on Lulu Is. in family home opposite Easterbrooks Flour Mill - went to Bridgeport School when it first opened - Steveston Children came up to Bridgeport School for higher grades - entrance grade -talks about Strawberry festivals held at several churches - Easterbrooks Flour Mill was site of an earlier cannery - lots of fishing on North Arm and Middle Arm - general discussion about this - talks about Mellis Stage being more for mail than passengers - discussion about other stage coaches that pre-dated the C.P.R. Steam locomotive service - delivered milk to Richmond Dairy on Richards Street by wagon - discusses this - blackberry picking on Shaughnessy Heights - blueberries in Richmond - (discusses Rif Range in some detail) it was operated by Army - 6th Duke of Cannoughts

Home Rifles - (story about him (York) joining regiment in 1910 at age of 16) - private gun club (Dominion Rifle Association) also used Rifle Range - the boys, as York, paid \$1.25 to mark targets - (describes this) - discusses Indians in Steveston in early days - during fishing season boat lined the dykes - during Winter the hunting was very good - shells were 50¢ a box - got 10¢ a tail for muskrats which they shot - also trapped muskrats and could get 15¢ for the skins - (story about cashing in tails) - talking with Mrs. York then Jessie Ketcheson - born in home on River Road next to Easterbrooks sawmill in 1898 - Dr. came out from Vancouver - many children born at home then - started school in Vancouver but moved back to Lulu Is. - went to Lulu School - then Korison School (one-room) end of old Lulu Is. bridge - enough children in Bridgeport to build Bridgeport School - general discussion about many old timers between Marshall and York - 1912 was time C.N. surveyed and built track all along South Arm from Steveston to Queensboro - (extended story about Ernie Sexsmith the policeman and the Woodward boys beating up a man called Street) - York's mother use to cook for Steveston prisoners because Sexsmith stayed in the York's home - more discussion about old timers such as Pike who built the municipal dyke, Rubinwitz store, etc. - Marshall's father was stationmaster in Steveston and later worked in waterworks - (Charlie Main story about his murder) - talks about early police -(Iver Johnson gun story) - talks about real estate values in Ladner - more discussion about old friends of days gone by - went dancing in old Opera house - long walks awaited the young men visiting their girl friends if they missed the midnight Tram to Steveston - (another story about returning home from a dance on No. 6 Rd.) - moved to Ladner in 1921 - Bridgeport School celebrated Sports day on May 24th before it went in fo

Maypole dancing at Brighthouse Grandstand - sugar cost \$25.00 per 100 lbs. in 1920 - rationed then (story about this) - various stories about making profits on potatoes in the early post war years - (produces a monthly account book which he and wife kept during early years of marriage - various items read out) - settler's tickets was a book of 10 tram tickets costing \$2.00 - cigarettes 15¢ for 10 cigarretes - sometimes a "shin plaster" was used as a premium in the package of cigarettes - general discussion about the "shin plaster" or 25¢ bill - discusses wages in 1920 - Province delivered @ 50¢ per month - lettuce 5¢ - cabbage 10¢ - pin cushion 5¢ - discusses poll tax for non land owners - borrowed \$500.00 from T. Kidd to move to Ladner - 1/2 ton coal \$5.00 delivered - bought Model T from Scot Fentiman 1930 - (story about early trips) - talks about U.S. Prohibition and small business he and boat partner had with Scotch Whiskey and American fish buyers - (another story about Rum running) - could buy a mickey of whiskey from Steveston Hotels for 50¢ around 1914 - more discussion of old friends - Ben Rose's Machine Shop brought in first marine Engines called Vulcans - more discussion about old friends - talks about lacrosse games behind Goldie Harris's place - discussion about early lacrosse teams - talks about Grand Central Hotel built by Jake Grauer with money from B.C. Electric accident - talks about plowing in hard hack and burning it off - talks about neavy fogs in early days - many geese shot in the areas that had been plowed up and burned off for the birds would congregate these.

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