

it very difficult to get about, except actually on the roads. In this clearing one magnificent tree stood on the bank where the approach to the Grand Trunk Pacific wharf is at the present time. Some of the loggers here had, in 1882, asked the Princess Louise to see it felled. She could not come at the time and requested them to preserve the tree for her sake. Sir William van Horne afterwards gave it into my charge and it was cut down some years afterwards during my absence, as being a menace to the people doing business round that part. The roots had been burned by the fire. Forest trees are never safe when left for any length of time standing by themselves.

#### MR. HAMILTON NAMES THE STREETS.

"By the direction of our managers, in December, '88, I got tenders for clearing a portion of the townsite. They expected me to get it done for a little more than they were in the habit of paying in the east, probably \$15 or \$20 per acre. They were taken aback very much at the prices asked and did not allow me to proceed with the clearing until Mr. Harry Abbott, who superceded me as far as the company's work was concerned, appeared on the scene. I located the line from Port Moody here and as far west along the shore of English Bay as the western boundary of lot 526. That is about half a mile beyond the present terminus of the Kit-silano tram line. Later a special Act of Parliament was passed making Coal Harbor the terminus of the C. P. R. line. The clearing of the townsite was nearly all done by Mr. D. B. Charleson, as superintendent for the C. P. R.

"Upon arrival here after the driving of the last spike, I found my old friend Mr. R. H. Alexander in charge of Hastings Mill, and also dispensing justice to the unruly. Mr. Jonathan Miller was government agent, constable and gaoler. He was afterwards postmaster of this city for many years. Mr. L. A. Hamilton was here as agent for the C. P. R., and he it was who had the laying out of the townsite and the naming of the streets. He called the first street Abbott, after the general superintendent; the second street, Cambie, after your humble servant; the third street, Hamilton, after himself, and then he had to fall back upon such unimportant persons as lieutenant-governors, members of the legislature, and so on. Homer was named after the member for the district. Richards after the hon. A. N. Richards, who had been lieutenant-governor of the province shortly before; Seymour after the last lieutenant-governor of the mainland before the mainland and Vancouver Island were made one province. I do not know how Hastings came to be named—that was before my time. Granville street was named after the old Granville townsite. Lord Granville was, I believe, a member of the British Government at the time of the naming. Smythe, Robson and Davie were all premiers of B. C., and Nelson was a lieutenant-governor.

#### PROMINENT OLD-TIME OFFICIALS.

"I also found here at that time looking out for desirable lots, Mr. Innes and Mr. Graveley, who became partners shortly afterwards. Also Dr. Lefevre and Mr. R. G. Tatlow, the latter afterwards finance minister in the McBride administration. Also our genial fellow citizen, Mr. C. Gardner-Johnson. Then there was Mr. A. G. Fergusson, who had done so well with his tunnelling for the main line of the railway that he was