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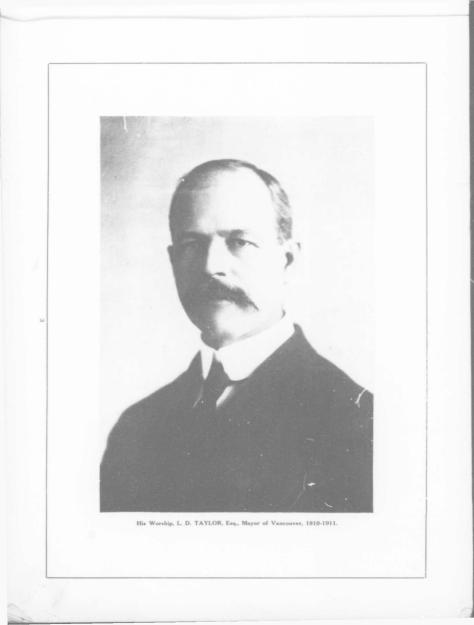
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The chief object of the work has been to promote the best interests of its patrons and replenish the Firemen's Relief Fund, as well as to form a more thorough acquaintance of the citizens with this branch of the City Government, without doubt the most important of all from the property owner's point of view.

The highest commendation is due those of the present administration, and especially Chief J. H. Carlisle and Assistant Chief C. W. Thompson, who, by their untiring efforts, have succeeded in giving Vancouver a Fire Department in k-eping with a metropolitan city, and one of which the city may be justly proud.

Of the firemen, whose lot is a hard one, a word should be said. He is always on duty, day in and day out, and true appreciation is given him only when the thinking man pauses to listen to the startling clang of the gong or look upon the tall columns of smoke sweeping towards the sky above a burning building. At other times the fireman, to the casual observer, is a seeming idle fellow. We do not remember that our lives and property are in his keeping and that he is merely waiting the call that requires him by day or by night to take his life anew in his hands and hasten where danger awaits in the protection of our lives and property from destruction and ruin.

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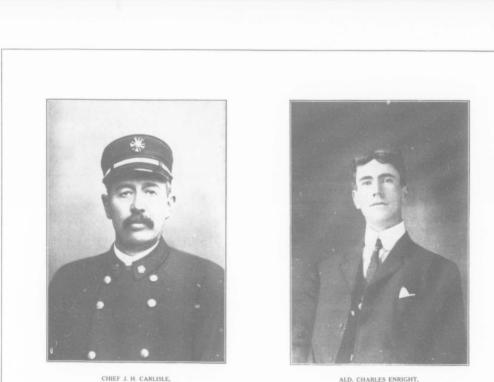
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The officers at the first meeting were : Chief Carlisle, president ; A. W. Cameron (since deceased), vice-president ; and Capt. Jim Lester (now Chief of the Dawson Department), secretary. Mayor J. F. Garden was elected the honorary president. It is interesting to note that the Department has more than trebled its force since that time, and each man is as enthusiastic over the Association as the old timers were in 1898. The officers at the present time are : President, Robert McCurdy ; Vice-President, J. Mackenzie : Secretary, George Dunlop ; and Treasurer, Arthur Clegg.



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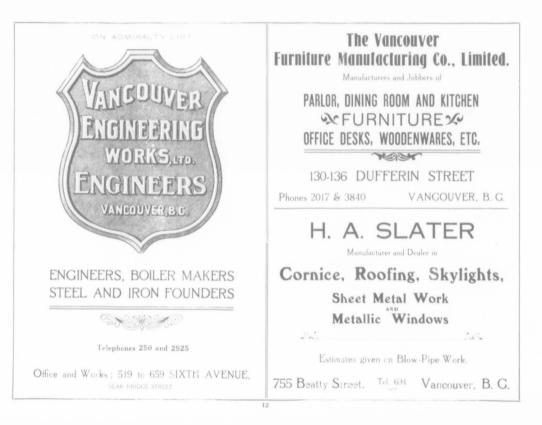


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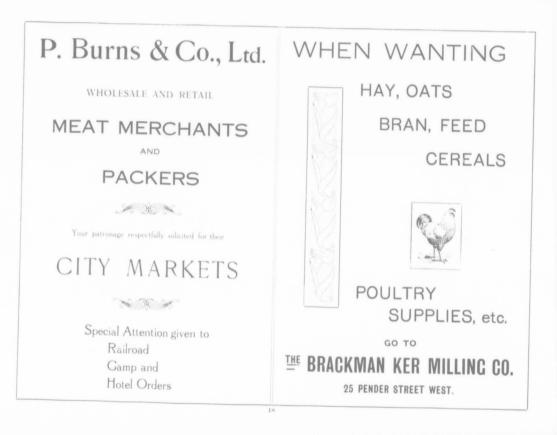
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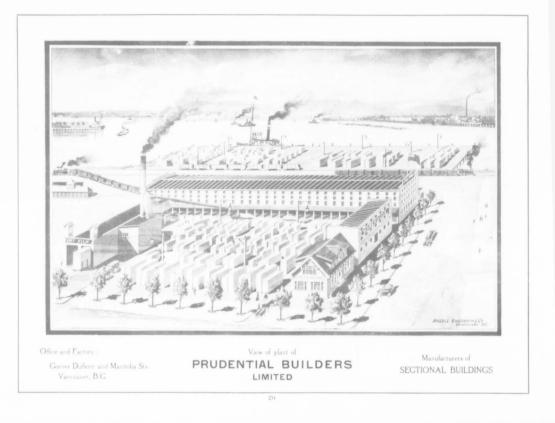
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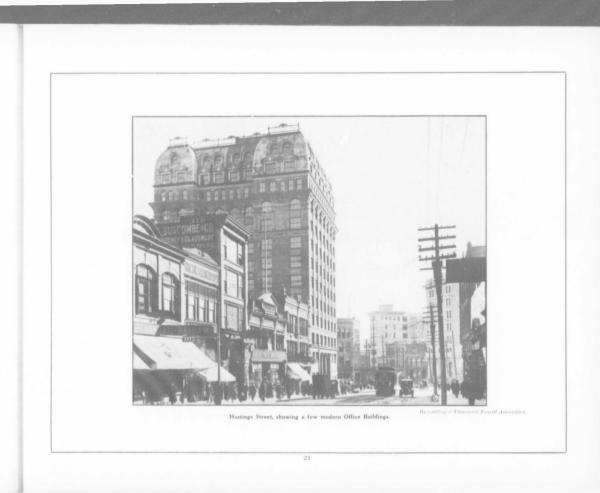




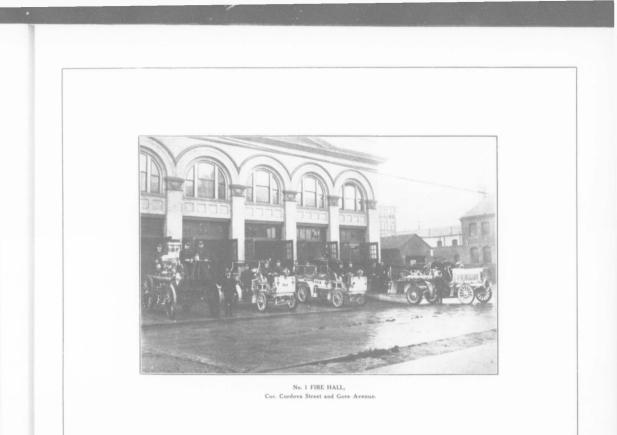
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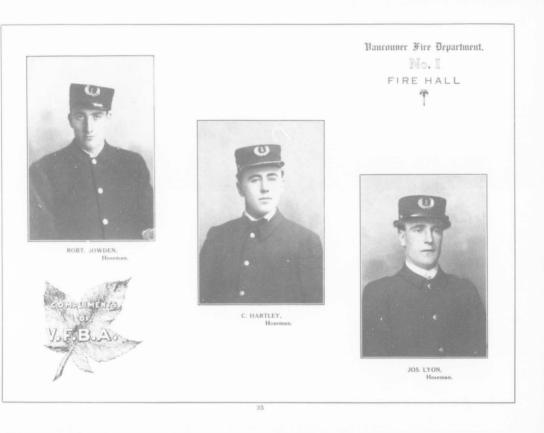
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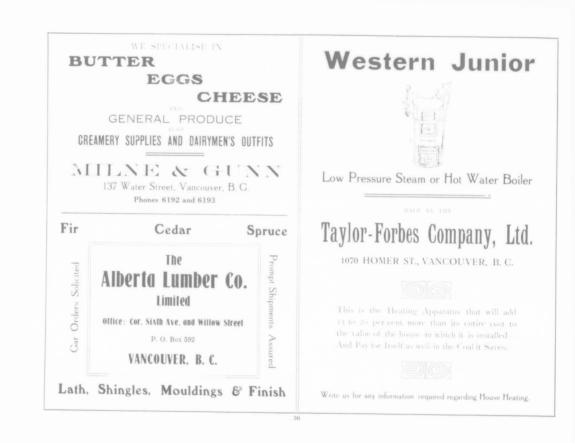
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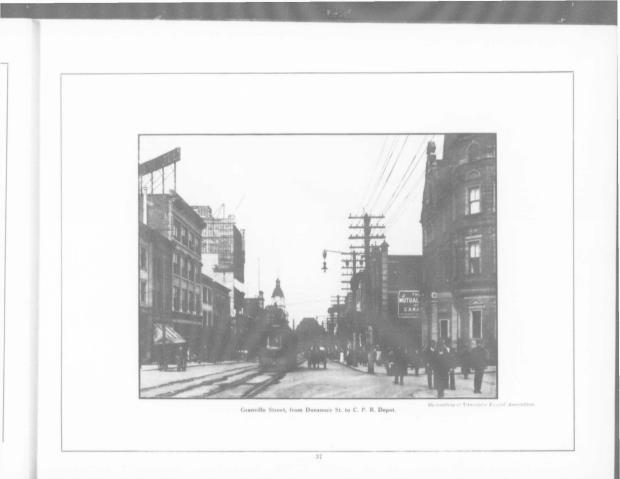
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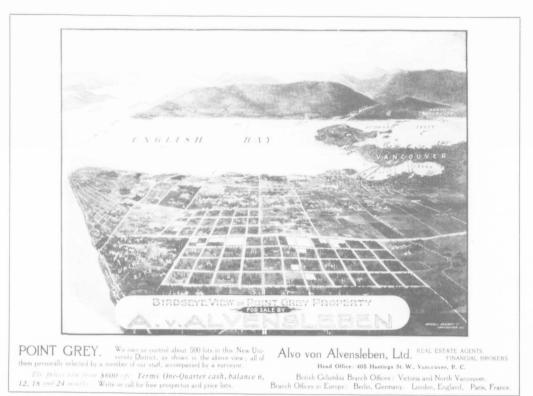




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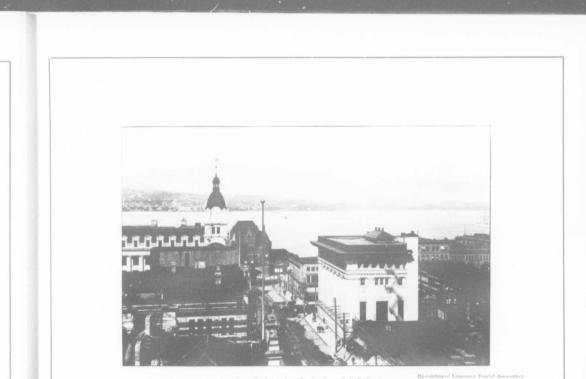


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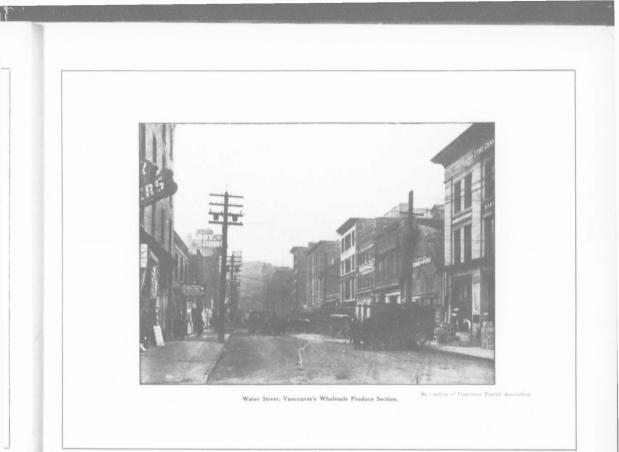
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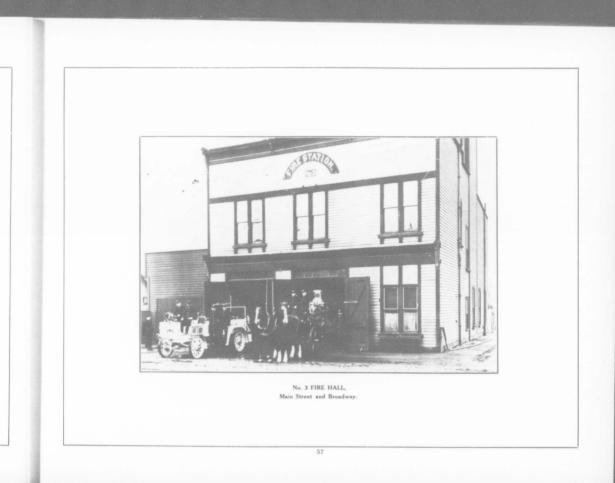
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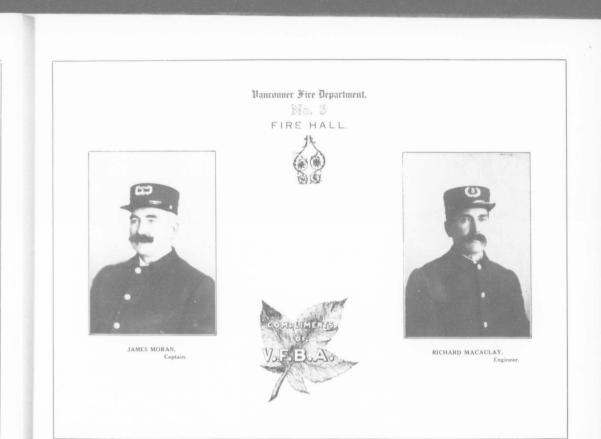
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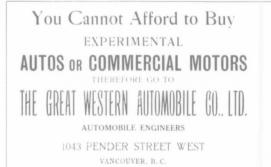


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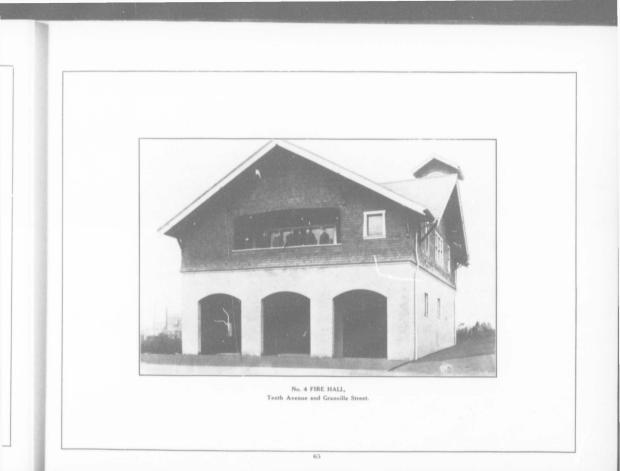
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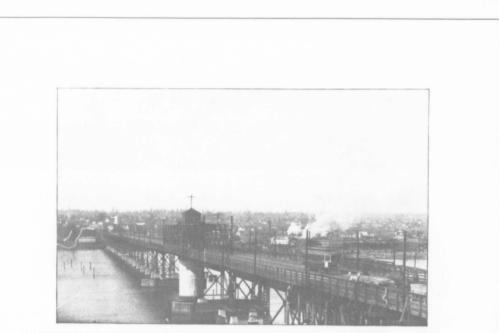
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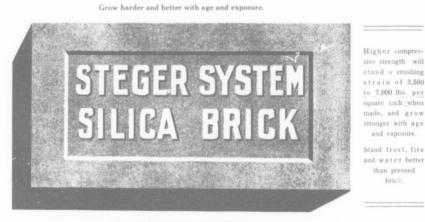
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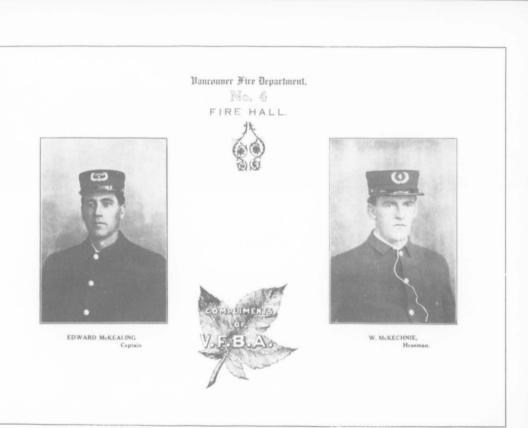
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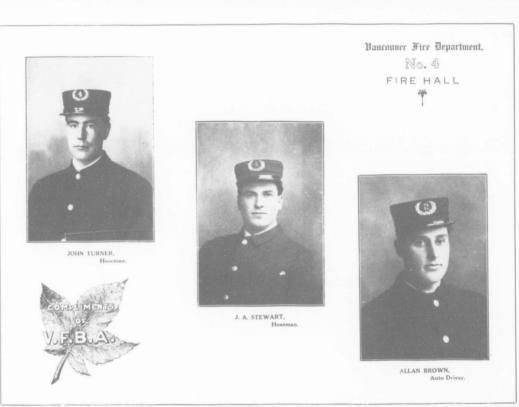


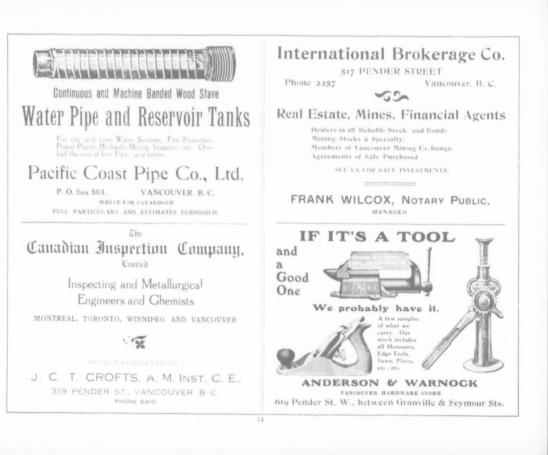
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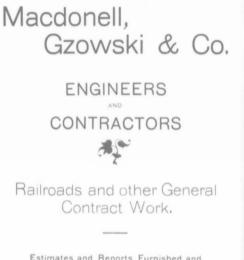
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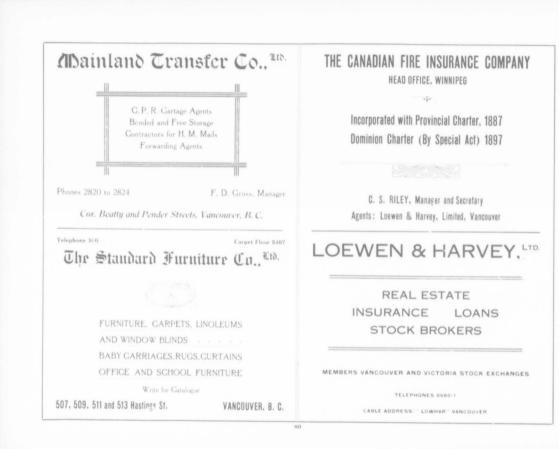
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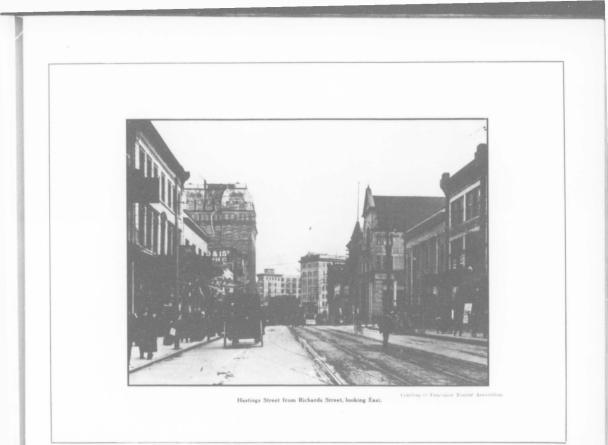
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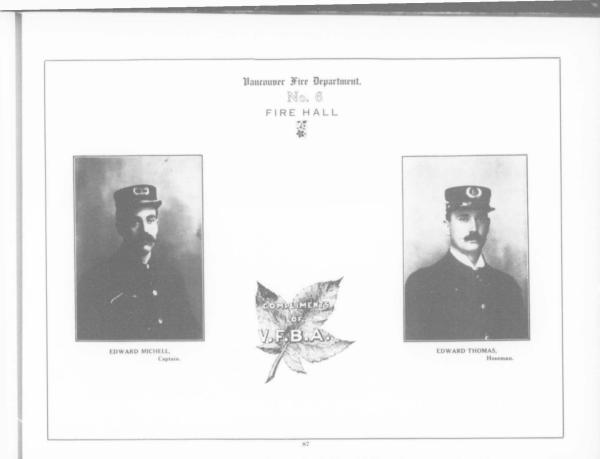
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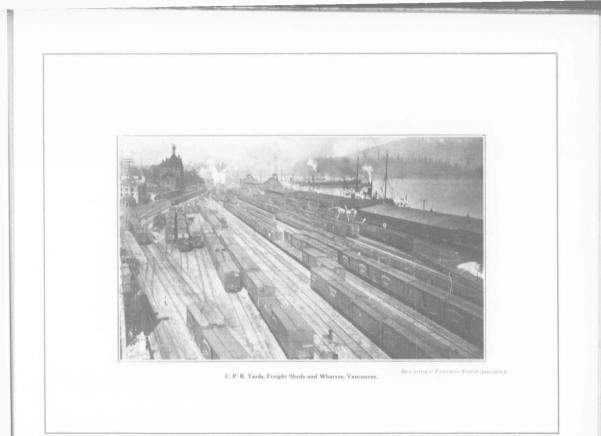
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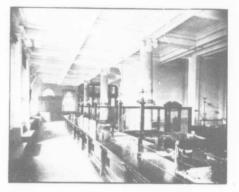
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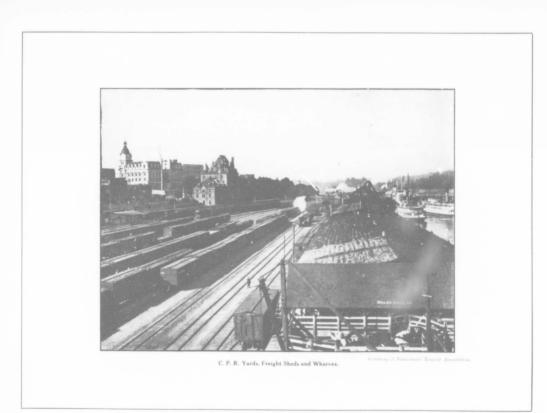
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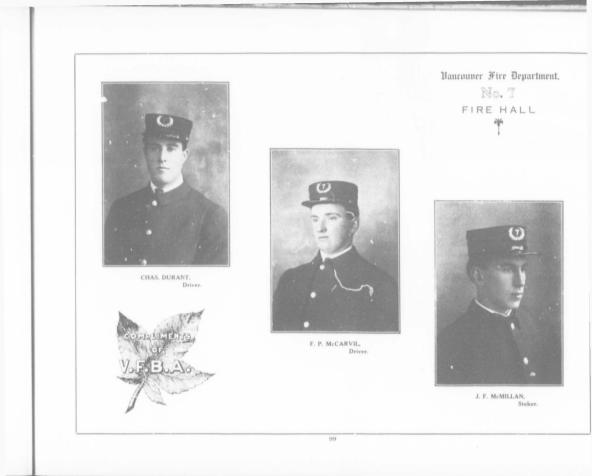
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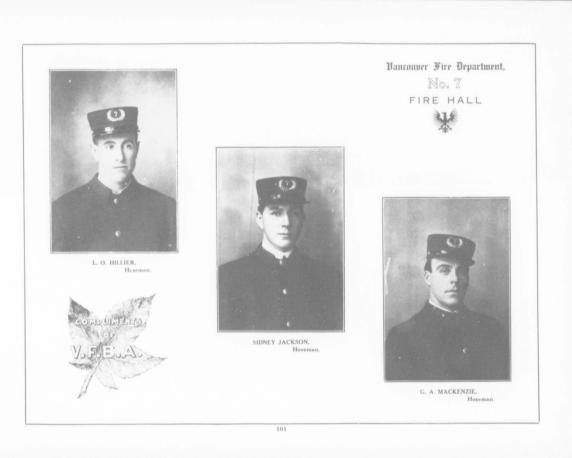
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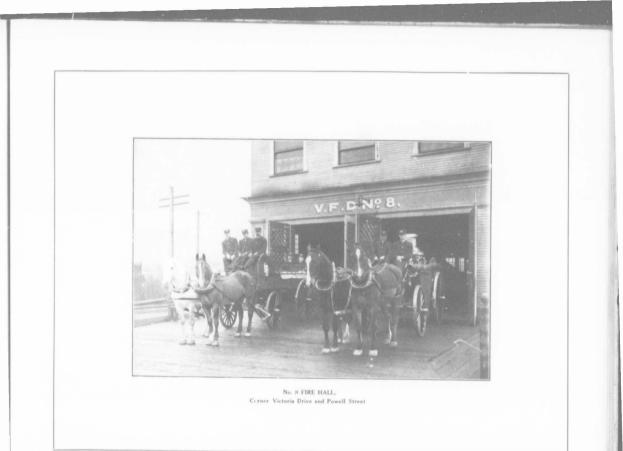


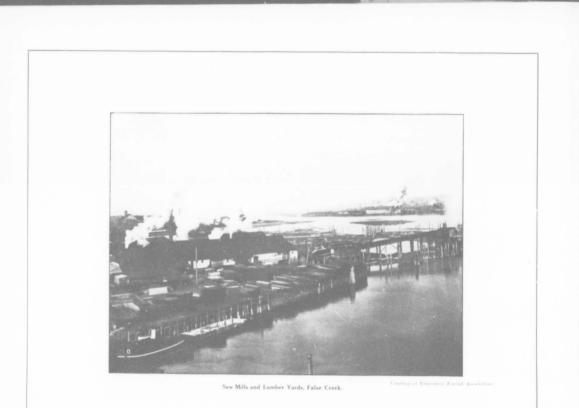




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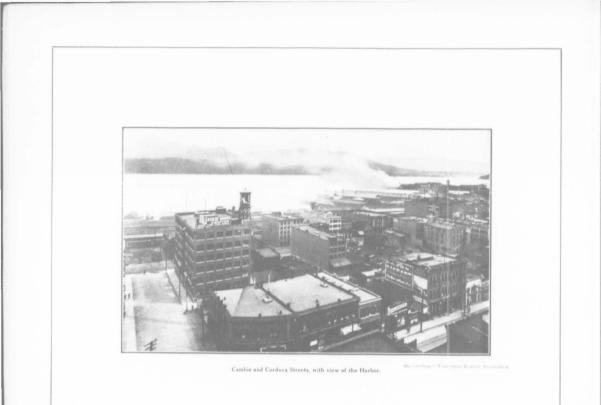


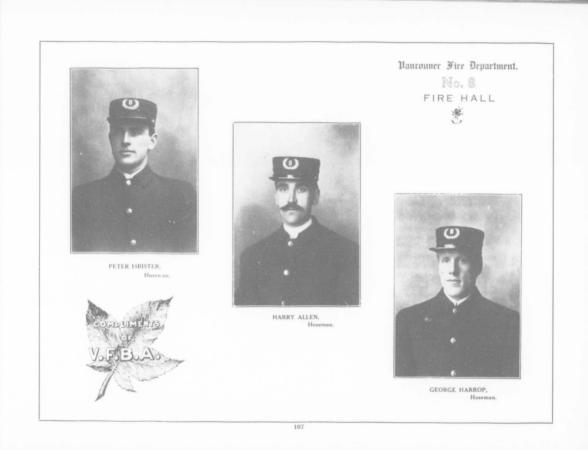


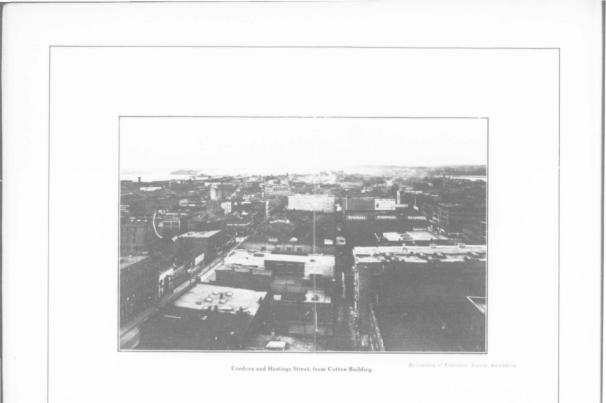
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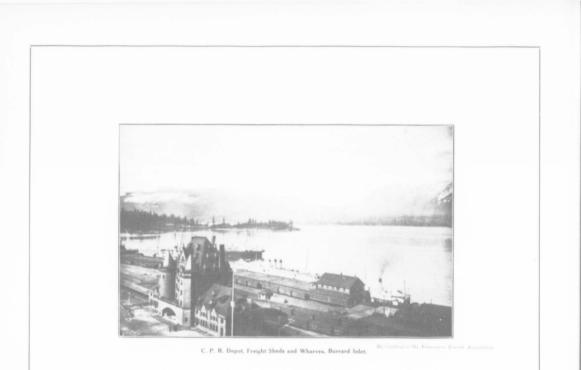
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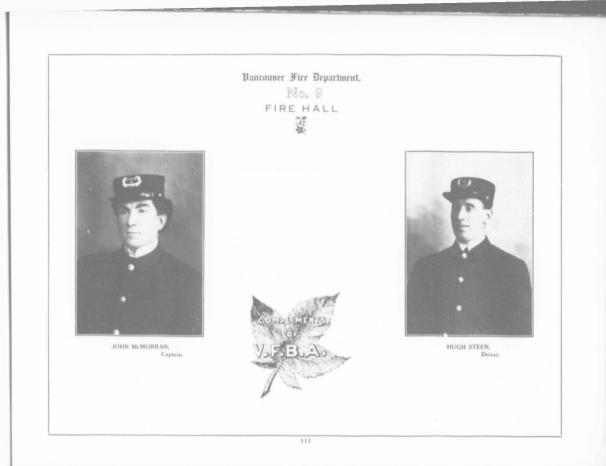


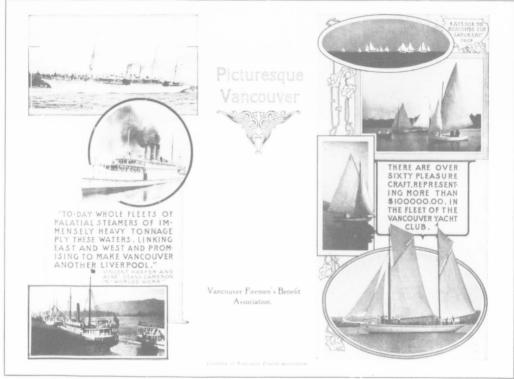














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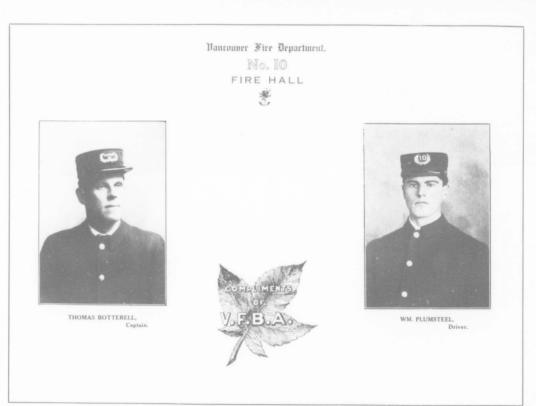


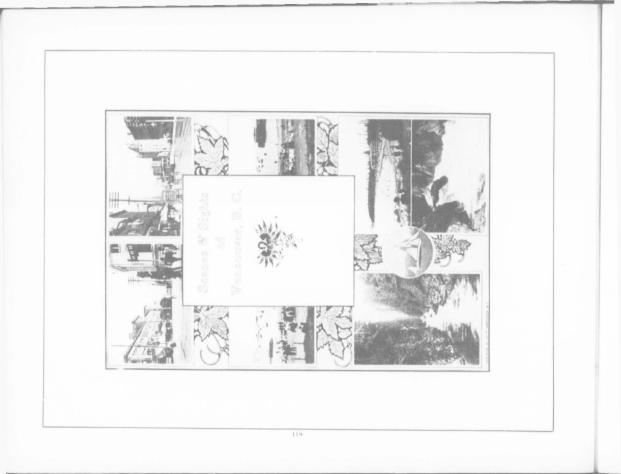
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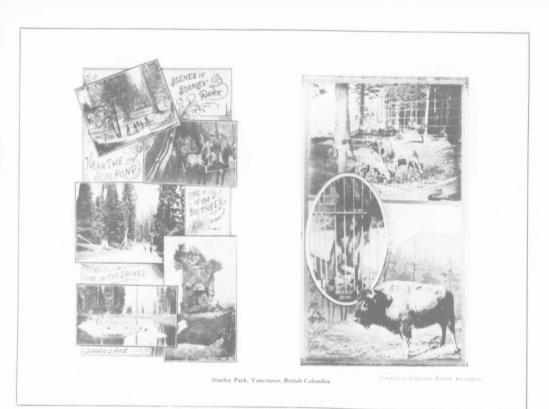


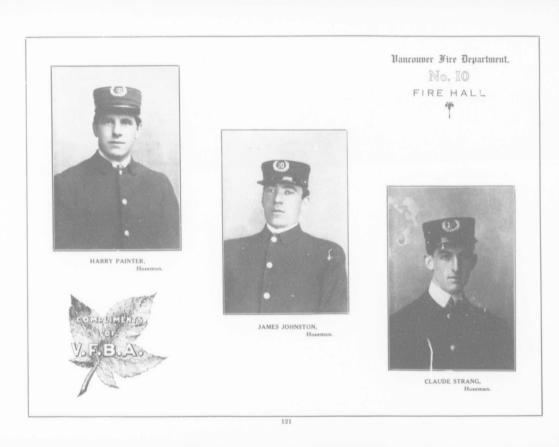


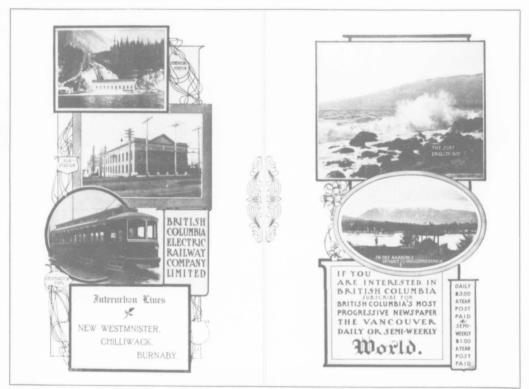
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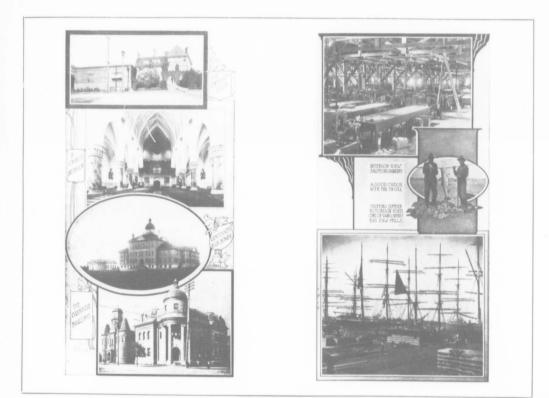


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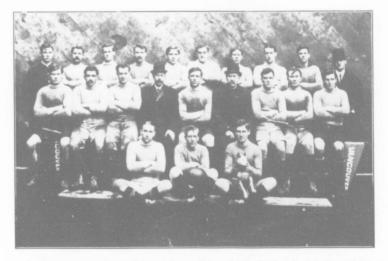


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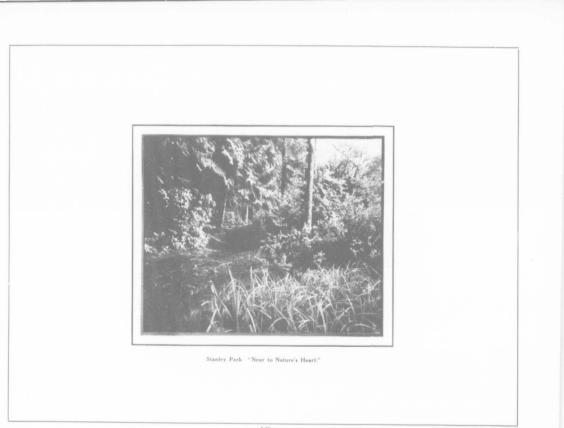


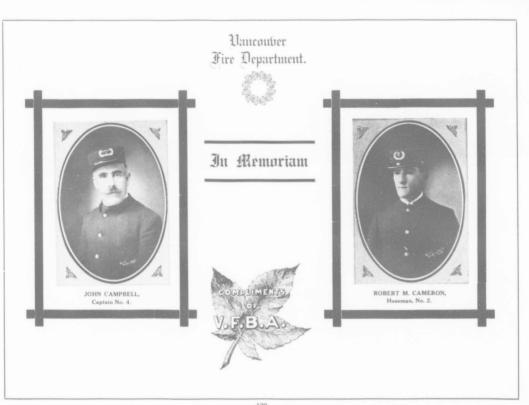
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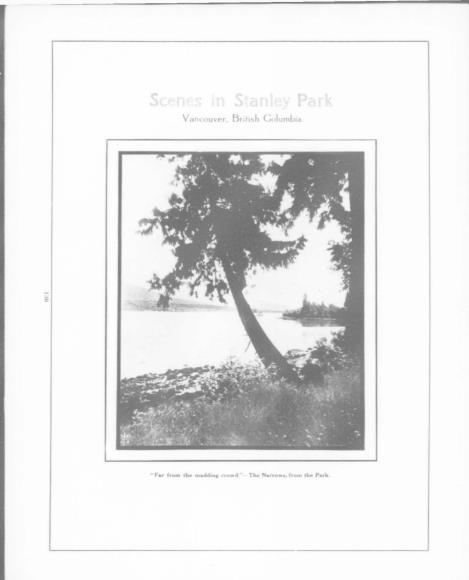
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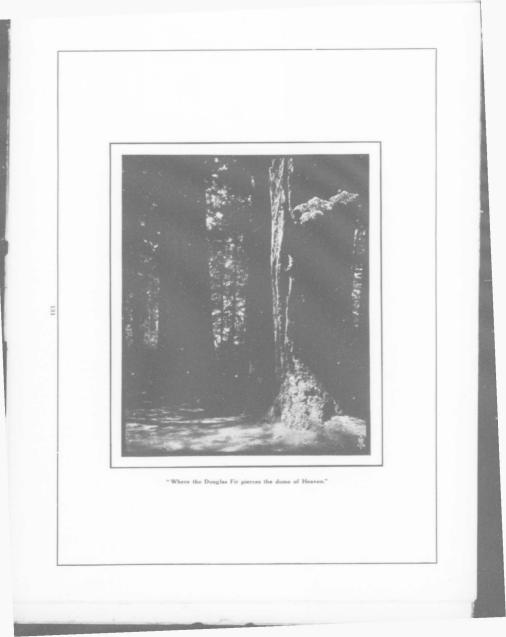


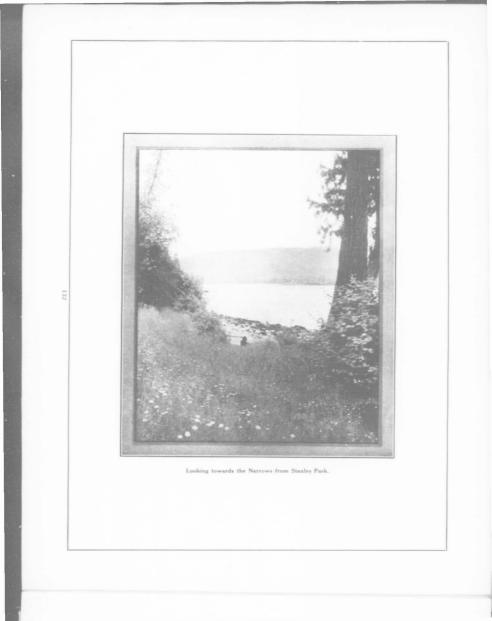
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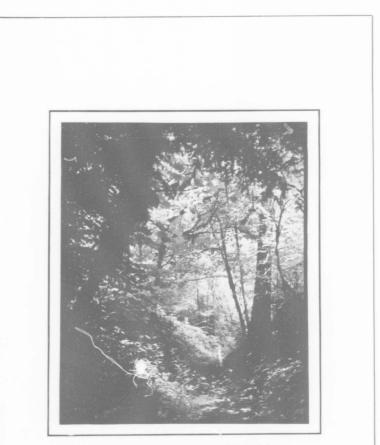




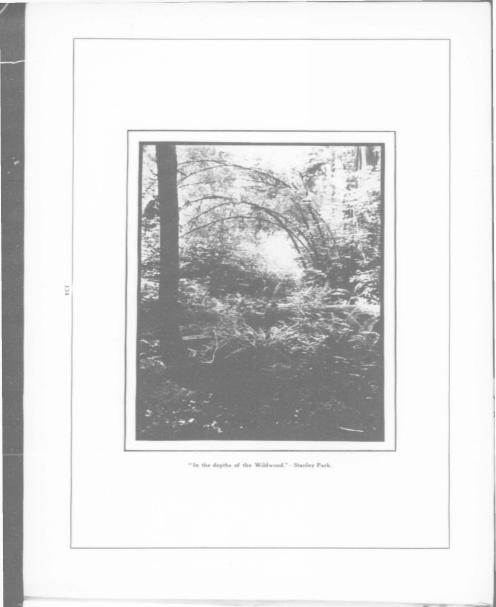








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