

Mr. John Kacer, 1438 River Road Born 1912 Interviewed Feb. 4, 1972.

Father - Joseph Henry Kacer, built C.P.R. to Steveston, came from Brooklyn, N.Y. Saw fire burn Vancouver, working McCleery Place. John lived at Dinsmore Island Cannery, Celtic Cannery Flats, north end of No. 4 Road. ...attended Bridgeport School 200-250 all grades... consider railway to Steveston rather than Port Moody father said ... delay till land boom, Gastown started...railway building camp Tuck Station...John started 1927 C.N.R. axeman with surveyors @ 20¢ hr...1930 grading with horses. Campbell Construction Co. (Alberta) got 35¢ hr. as teamster... New Westminster to this side Queensboro...earlier Mackenzie and Mann built Queensboro to Steveston 12 miles (C.N.R.) changes in rail building...saloons in Marpole...1920-24 less auto traffic than horses...gravel roads...No. 5 Road planks...River Road planks in Bridgeport...sidewalks atop dykes...3 plank sidewalk Bridgeport to No. 4 Road (3 - 12" planks end on end)...sidewalk on dyke Bridgeport to Terra Nova (No. 2 Road.) and No. 1 Road...stern-wheeler..25¢ to New Westminster. stopped when your flag up --saw Brunswick, George Star 1923-24 only sidewheeler---no log booms then- 1919 early 20's sawmills: Eburne; Hunting and Merritt; Robt. McNair mill; Bernard Shingle Mill; small mill in Bridgeport; B.C. Box; Johnstone's Lumber Company; Burke's Mill; Day mill shut down 20 yrs. until Anderson restarted Cartney's or Carton's Mill; Butler Mill Dominion Sawmill (now Candian White Pine); Bloedell's then New Westminster mills. Towards Queensboro: B.C. Manufacturing; another mill; Keystone Shingle mill; 2 more sawmills before Bridgeport. ...foundry World War I in Bridgeport, rolling mill...Tom Howard, blacksmith...dead...Burrows...father Joseph Henry Kacer..all

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father Joseph Henry Kacer all blacksmith built wagons upstairs...

Billy Bennett -- listed electric tram stations in from Marpole under Granville St. bridge...completed 1902...C.N. Railroad constructed. 1913

...listed stops and flagstones...thinks 1924 fire burnt Steveston down

...data on trestle fire...1926-27 prohibition days...car from

Vancouver half hour aircraft land, take off (now Airport Inn area).

...detail making C.N.R. here 1913...2 trips daily winter 1914-15...

operating personnel named...shut down 1916...resumed after 1 yr.

until 1917...fire 1917 (early Richmond)

...stayed in school till 15...playground for recreation, Christmas concert Oddfellows Hall and Opera House, Steveston...c. 1924 trolley-wire burned cold night...Bridgeport Rd. a trail...now burns free alder cuttings.

...24 May concerts Brighthouse Park pic. names Brighthouse Track 1909.

1925 Lansdowne Track built...fished North Arm...didn't swim Fraser because of sewage, current...when boat blew whistle to open bridge, ran fill pails, kettles, because bridge-tender had to shut water mains off, break the joint, before he could open swing-span C. 1924-1925.

...salmon plentiful North Arm, 50-100 in a net, different to-day, need rubbergloves, pure sewage bottom, smell!...fish not "dumb"

2 yrs. on car ferry...drove piles for bridge building held by sleeve...stealing different early days...story of Kacer's stealing Sexsmith place and Rorison's horse and buggy.

...Jan settlement, 5 families Eburne Island, Dinsmore Island Cannery 90% Japanese...old timers buried Mt. View Cemetary...Ocean View Cemetary, opened 1924.

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Aviation started Minoru Park...1910 1st flight...Kacer learned fly on prairies...simple to get early license after 4 to 5 hours with D.O.T. Inspector...early makes named, Jenny's, De Havilland ... 1st aircraft at Lansdowne Field, 1927, Gypsy Moth...Waco, Ford Tri-Motor by B.C. Airlines, Fokker Tri-Motor, Eagle Rock aircraft, Waco B10, Aronca, Crete radial engine, then moved to Sea Island (Photos in old Vancouver Sun)...old locations dangerous with high tension wires...knew Muskrat Bill...trapped along every road...caught rats alive in box trap...sniffed holes along ditches for rats...4 years 1946-49 relief man SS Kenora, Port Mann to Victoria...15 cars, 9 hr. run, fuel 1 bbl. per mi. Bunker oil...operating personnel named crew 28...1 winter Tona Island cutting shakes from red cedar driftwood in cabin, cast-iron stove c 1938-1939...Mr. Fentiman had some sheep... others beachcombing, fisherman...had glass, aladdin lamp, radio... later sewage plant...1950-51 patrolman on motorcycle when built new east-west runway...check vs. animals wandering onto runway as fences down...schooners built 1919-19 Diasmore Island.

1920's milk cans in on B.C. Electric full mornings, returned night with water...stands at early Sexsmith station hold 60 cans water then 10¢ a can...late 1920's by-law passed rebuilt wooden water mains with steel pipes...New Westminster Hwy. and No. 5 Road is section old wooden main...steam threshers Richmond, named owners...moving to 1800 Block, River Road soon, quieter.

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